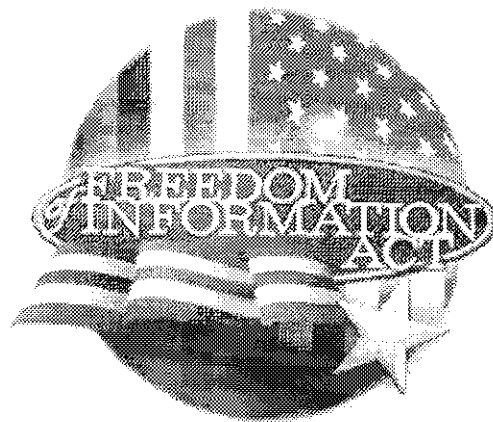


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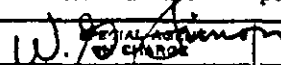
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St. Louis, Missouri	10/15/53	9/29 - 10/15/53	[REDACTED]
<b>TITLE</b> CARL AUSTIN HALL, was., John James Byrnes, Steve Strand, Robert White, John Grant, John Hager, R. Grant; BONNIE EMILY HEADY, nee Bonnie Emily Brown, was., Mrs. Vernon Ellis Heady, Esther Grant, E. Grant; ROBERT COSGROVE GREENLEASE, Jr. - VICTIM			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> KIDNAPING EXTORTION
<b>Synopsis of Facts:</b> <p>CARL AUSTIN HALL and BONNIE EMILY HEADY apprehended by St. Louis Police Department, 10-6-53 and 10-7-53 respectively. When questioned by St. Louis Police Department re possession of large amount of money, HALL admitted kidnaping victim. Authorized complaint filed against subjects before U. S. Commissioner CHARLES H. THOMPSON at Kansas City, Mo. 10-7-53, charging them with violation of Section 876, Title 18, U. S. Code. Subjects released, along with \$295,140.00 of ransom money recovered by St. Louis Police Department, to Bureau custody 10-7-53, and appeared before U. S. Commissioner EDWIN J. BEAN, St. Louis, Mo. and temporarily committed to custody of U. S. Marshal, St. Louis, Mo. upon failure to make \$100,000.00 bond. Brought before U. S. Commissioner BEAN 10-9-53, waived hearing and remanded to custody of U. S. Marshal. Removed to Kansas City, Missouri 10-14-53. HALL admitted during initial interviews planning kidnaping, actual abduction, burying of victim, executing ransom notes and pickup of ransom money but denied actual killing of victim. HEADY admitted taking victim from school in Kansas City, Mo. at request of HALL but claimed no knowledge of kidnaping at time. Denied knowledge of circumstances pertaining to victim's death. On 10-11-53 HALL admitted transportation of victim from Missouri to Kansas, killing victim in Kansas and subsequently transporting victim's body to St. Joseph, Missouri for burial. HEADY admitted participation in planning of</p>			
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kidnapping, intent to kidnap at time of abduction, and gave complete details regarding victim's death. Signed statements obtained. Activities of subjects at time of abduction to apprehension and substantial corroboration through investigation of these activities in St. Louis, Missouri set forth. Physical evidence recovered during investigation described in detail. Subjects deny any knowledge of whereabouts of unrecovered ransom. Subject's descriptions set forth. Ransom recovered \$295,280.00; ransom located, but not yet recovered, \$380.

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DETAILS:

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

This investigation represents the combined efforts of many Special Agents assigned to the St. Louis Office. The identities of these Agents are specified in the body of the report in relation to the investigation conducted by them.

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II. STATEMENTS OF SUBJECTS

A. STATEMENTS OF HALL

The following interview with subject CARL AUSTIN HALL was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on October 7, 1953: b7E1

CARL HALL was interviewed at the 11th District, St. Louis Police Department, at which time he advised he was born July 1, 1919 and that he was an insurance salesman and had been living with BONNIE HEADY for several months in St. Joseph, Missouri. HALL was in a miserable physical condition and vomited and slipped out of his chair on several occasions. It was necessary to have a waste basket in front of him, and it could not be determined whether he was suffering from the effects of alcohol or whether the morphine was wearing off. He blacked out completely at 2:40 a.m., and later was sent to the City Hospital. When he returned on a stretcher, he was still in a miserable physical condition. When he did revive to an extent, most of his answers to inquiries were mumbled and inarticulate words. When information was elicited from him, it was to the effect that the boy was well and should have been released on Monday at Pittsburg, Kansas, in front of the Besse Hotel. At times he indicated the boy might be in Parsons, Kansas, with a TOM MARCH or TOM MARSH, who HALL indicated was in the kidnapping and whose responsibility it was to take care of the child.

After continuous questioning, HALL seemed to break and indicated that the GREENLEASE boy was dead and was buried in HEADY'S backyard at 1201 South 38th Street, St. Joseph, Missouri. He indicated new flowers had been planted over the spot where he had buried the GREENLEASE boy. HALL stated he had turned the boy over to a TOM MARCH shortly after he had met BONNIE HEADY near the Katz Parking Lot in Kansas City and that TOM MARCH was to take the GREENLEASE boy to the HEADY home in St. Joseph, Missouri. HALL advised that, upon returning to St. Joseph, Missouri, on October 5, 1953, with BONNIE HEADY, he had expected to find the TOM MARCH and the boy, and when he did not find them he went down to the basement and found that the GREENLEASE boy had been shot.

A photograph of THOMAS JOHN MARSH, FBI No. 1121323, was exhibited to HALL, and he would neither identify nor eliminate him as the TOM MARSH or MARCH involved in the kidnapping.

The following signed statement was obtained from HALL on October 7, 1953:

"October 7, 1953  
St. Louis, Missouri

"I, CARL AUSTIN HALL, have talked with Chief of Police JEREMIAH O'CONNELL, Colonel LONG of the Police Board, Lieutenant LOUIS SHOULDERS, Chief of Police BRANNON and J. E. THORNTON of

"the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I know all of these men are law-enforcement officers and the following statement is entirely free of my own. No threats or promises have been made to me. I expect that I will stand trial in Court and know that I am entitled to an attorney and want to tell the entire truth.

"I have known of the GREENLEASE family for many years, having attended military school with PAUL GREENLEASE, who is an adopted son. I knew the family was wealthy and that there was a small boy about six years of age, and thought of kidnapping him for about two years and planned it on several occasions.

"I sent BONNIE HEADY, a girl I had lived with for several months at St. Joseph, Missouri, to get BOBBY GREENLEASE. I told her he was my son and that my former wife did not want me to see him. I told her to tell the nun or the person who answered the door to say that BOBBIE's mother was ill and that she had come for him. BONNIE HEADY and I had driven from St. Joseph, Missouri to Kansas City, Missouri in a Plymouth station wagon and I left BONNIE HEADY out at Katz Parking Lot, 40th and Main Street, and on my instruction she took a taxicab to the school and was gone about twenty minutes and returned in a taxicab to the Katz Parking Lot. I told her to go shopping around the Plaza, a shopping area, and made arrangements to meet her in an hour.

"I took BOBBY GREENLEASE over on Westport Road. I gave the boy to TOM MARSH, who was driving a 1950 Chevrolet, grey-gunmetal in color, and by pre-arrangement MARSH was to take BOBBY GREENLEASE to St. Joseph, Missouri to 1201 South 38th, the home of BONNIE HEADY. I then returned and met BONNIE HEADY in the plaza area and told her I had taken the boy back to the school. I picked her up in the Plymouth station wagon and drove back to St. Joseph to her home at 1201 South 38th Street.

"Q. Was he dead when you got there?

A. Yes.

Q. Where was the other man?

A. He was gone.

Q. How was he killed?

A. With a gun.

Q. Where was he shot?

A. I don't even remember. I don't know.

Q. What did you do when you found him in this condition?

A. I had to bury him.

Q. Where did you bury him?

A. In the back yard.

"I took a religious medal off BOBBY and later sent it in a note to BOBBY's family. I covered up the spot where BOBBY was buried with dirt and I told BONNIE HEADY to go buy some flowers as I wanted to set out a flower bed. BONNIE HEADY bought the flowers and I planted them in a day or so where I had buried BOBBY GREENLEASE.

"I called the GREENLEASE home on three or four occasions from pay stations in Kansas City and talked with one man named LEDTERMAN. I told Mr. LEDTERMAN I had BOBBY and that he was safe. I told Mr. LEDTERMAN that BOBBY would be returned safely if \$600,000 were paid in tens and twenties. I told him I wanted them in Federal Reserve notes from twelve Federal Reserve districts.

"I sent Mr. GREENLEASE a letter and placed it in the U. S. Mail at Kansas City, Missouri and told him in the letter that if he were going to make a contact he should place the ad "meet me in Chicago" in the Kansas City Star. Mr. LEDTERMAN wanted to know if BOBBY could answer certain questions. Mr. LEDTERMAN asked me to ask BOBBY the name of his chauffeur.

"I told them to put a white flag on the car aerial for twenty minutes and they were to drive up and down Main Street between 29th and 39th Streets. I don't know whether they followed these instructions as I wasn't there and depended upon the ad in the paper. I wanted to test them and made another call and talked to Mr. LEDTERMAN again and told him we would try again. I told him to go out Highway 69 and get a note underneath a sign, some view sign. I placed the note there and I saw LEDTERMAN get the note. I was in my car.

"The next contact was made by telephone and this time I told him to go to the corner and pick up a note. In the meantime I was worried because I knew BOBBY GREENLEASE was dead but I still tried to collect, and the final arrangements were that Mr. LEDTERMAN would place the \$600,000 about ten miles east of Kansas City on Route 40 on side road 10E. The money was in an Army duffel bag and was placed on the side of a bridge. I didn't see anyone following him

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"and knew that no police were around. I waited about ten minutes and drove to the spot, got out, picked up the duffel bag and placed it in the trunk of a rented car. After getting the money BONNIE HEADY and I drove back into Kansas City and called the GREENLEASE home from a pay station from a bar on Troost. I told him I had gotten the bag and I would send him a wire the following morning at Pittsburg, Kansas in care of Western Union. I told him instructions concerning the return of BOBBY GREENLEASE would be set out in the wire. I did not send the wire and knew that BOBBY could not be returned because he was dead.

"BONNIE HEADY was with me while I watched the contact place the money in the duffel bag at the spot and was in the car when I got out and got it. BONNIE HEADY and I drove to St. Louis arriving early in the morning and rented a room or an apartment at 4504 Arsenal Street. BONNIE HEADY and I had an argument and I left the apartment leaving her with about \$2,000 of the kidnap money.

"I drove to a motel called the Coral Motel or Coral Court and stayed, I think, in cabin 49A. I arranged to get a girl to stay with me through some cabbie and stayed with her overnight. I went on back to town in a cab. She came back to the motel that day in a cab and I made arrangements for her to go to Los Angeles by plane and gave her some of the ransom money. I think I gave her \$1,000 and I told her to do two or three things for me. One of them was to mail a letter to an attorney named BARNEY PATTON in the Corby Building at St. Joseph, Missouri. I said I was planning on leaving the country. I sent him the key to my apartment in St. Joseph.

"SANDY, the girl who stayed in the motel with me, was to contact me through Western Union and I think I told her to call me or contact me by the name of STEVEN CRANE at St. Louis in care of Western Union. I wanted SANDY to mail a letter from Los Angeles to BARNEY PATTON in St. Joseph to tell him what had happened. I made telephonic contacts with the GREENLEASE home and sent letters through the U. S. Mail and told the GREENLEASE family the boy would be returned safely if \$600,000 were paid me.

"BONNIE HEADY was drinking considerably and I tried to conceal it from her. Although she was suspicious I don't think she knew what the whole thing was all about.

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"I know that I will have to stand trial in Court and this entire statement is free and I know that it can and will be used against me in Court. I have read the above statement consisting of six pages and have initialed each page.

Signed: CARL AUSTIN HALL

"Witnessed: J. E. THORNTON, FBI, St. Louis, Mo.  
[REDACTED] FBI, St. Louis, Mo." b 7(c)

The above statement was taken under extremely difficult conditions in view of HALL'S physical condition. Refer to medical report under the heading of Physical Examinations which reflects that at the time HALL was in a semi-comatose condition and mumbling for water suffering from acute alcoholism. Because of this, it was not possible to afford him a logical and thorough interview.

The following interview was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 8 and 9, 1953, while HALL was incarcerated in the St. Louis City Jail: b 7(c)

HALL advised that he is the son of JOHN AUSTIN HALL, who died in 1932 at Pleasanton, Kansas; that his father was a prominent attorney, who was quite wealthy and left his family well-provided for and that upon the death of his mother, Mrs. ZELLA C. HALL, in 1943 at Pleasanton, Kansas, he, CARL HALL, received an inheritance, which, had he been frugal, would have maintained him in

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a comfortable situation for a good number of years. He stated that he was married at Excelsior Springs, Missouri, in 1946 to IRENE HOLMES and that she divorced him in 1960 in Kansas City, Missouri, while he was in California. No children were born as a result of this marriage and this is his only legal marriage. He stated that he entered the United States Marine Corps in 1938 but was unable to recall his Marine Corps serial number. He enlisted for a four-year term and at the commencement of hostilities he stayed in the Marine Corps until 1946 when he received an honorable discharge with a rating of Corporal. He stated that he received no personal decoration in combat, although his division, the First Marine Division, did receive a unit citation. He stated that he had been court-martialled for being absent without leave but was never in a military prison but had spent short periods of confinement in the military stockade. He stated that in 1947 he purchased an aerial crop-dusting service with offices at 1012 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri. His partner in this venture was one "BUZZ" HORSCHFIELD. He claims that he had this venture for a short period of time and lost between \$10,000 and \$12,000. He then bought two liquor stores in Bates County, Missouri; one near the Kansas State line and the other located at Anoret, Missouri. He advised that he had no partner in this venture; that he was the sole owner, although he lived in Kansas City, Missouri, and operated same from Kansas City, having a manager for each store, and that he personally went down about once a week to check the books. He estimates he owned these liquor stores for a period of about one year. While operating these liquor stores he got to drinking heavily and his wife left him. He stated that he had two residences in Kansas City after returning from the service, the first being a home at 818 West 56th Terrace where he resided from 1947 through 1948, the last address being at 318 West 50th Street, which was a duplex, where he resided from 1948 through 1949.

After his wife left him he went to Los Angeles but had no steady employment, was just bumming around the country drinking and gambling until he had lost all of his intertance. He stated in September, 1951, he was arrested at Kansas City, Missouri, for holding up two cab drivers for a total of \$22.00 and as a result of these two hold-ups he was sentenced to serve five years in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, Registry #65692, being received in January, 1951, and paroled in April, 1953. He stated his attorney was JAMES LARSON of Kansas City, at that time but that Mr. BARNEY PATTON, Attorney-at-law, St. Joseph, Missouri, was instrumental in obtaining his parole; that he obtained employment at the Swafford Motor Company, St. Joseph, Missouri, for HALL. Concerning PATTON, HALL stated that he has known Mr. PATTON for a number of years and was well acquainted with him when Mr. PATTON was an attorney-at-law at Kansas City, Missouri. He stated that while in the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, he worked in the hospital and his cellmate in C Hall was one [REDACTED] who was incarcerated upon conviction for bad check charges, b7c1. having been convicted at Excelsior Springs, Missouri. He stated that upon release from the Penitentiary, he proceeded to St. Joseph, Missouri, obtained an apartment, and very shortly thereafter he met BONNIE EMILY BROWN HEADY in the Poxy Express Bar, Robideaux Hotel. He states that to the best of his

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recollection he met BONNIE HEADY about the middle, or possibly the latter part of May, 1953, while he was working for the Swafford Motor Company. Concerning this employment he stated he worked for Swafford Motor Company for approximately one month but did not make any money, and then secured a job with the Commercial Life Insurance Company, whose headquarters are in the Rialto Building, Kansas City, Missouri, selling life insurance. He stated that his immediate supervisor for the Commercial Life Insurance Company was a man by the name of BOWERS, at the address previously mentioned.

HALL stated in about forty-eight hours after he first met BONNIE HEADY he had moved into her home and her life, in a mutual common law relationship which continued until the time of their arrest. BONNIE HEADY, a confirmed alcoholic, found HALL a fit companion who shared her drinking activities and their daily consumption was admittedly two fifths a day.

#### PREPARATION FOR INSTANT KIDNAPPING

HALL on interview advised that he has had it in his mind to perpetrate a major kidnapping for at least two years. He stated, however, that he never actually concentrated on formulating final plans until after his release from the Penitentiary. He stated, however, that he had thought out numerous details relative to a kidnapping while in the Penitentiary but at that time had not picked out any specific victim. He stated that upon his release he knew that ROBERT C. GREENLEASE, Sr., was an extremely wealthy man. He had no knowledge of the exact amount of his wealth, but he knew that he was one of the wealthier men in Kansas City, Missouri, and could afford to pay an extremely high amount of money for ransom. He stated that it is true that he attended Kemper Military Academy with PAUL GREENLEASE, the adopted son of ROBERT C. GREENLEASE, Sr., but that he did not know him intimately. He stated that, to his recollection, he doubted that he had ever had any personal conversation with PAUL GREENLEASE.

In furtherance of the preparation after deciding that the GREENLEASE family would be suitable, he made telephone calls to the GREENLEASE residence and to the motor company and ascertained at that time that the GREENLEASE family was in Europe on vacation, but he did obtain information relative to their expected return to their home in Kansas City, Missouri. He stated that he commenced to drive by the GREENLEASE home and observed on two or three occasions Mr. GREENLEASE taking victim from his home in a blue Cadillac sedan to the French Institute Notre Dame De Sion, located at 38th and Locust Streets, Kansas City, Missouri. He denied emphatically that he had ever engaged the victim in any conversation, but he realized that the victim was closely chaperoned to and from school which would possibly prevent him from abducting the victim from the custody of his parents. He stated that the reason that he picked out the crime of kidnapping was that in his opinion it was a certain way of obtaining a great deal of money with the greatest degree of safety. He stated it was his idea to obtain a lot of money and obtain it quickly. He stated that if he had turned to the cashing of checks or armed robbery to obtain money he would have to constantly repeat



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each crime with the possible danger of detection and apprehension, whereby on a kidnapping he could claim an extreme amount of money pulled by one job and secure a great deal of funds. He stated that he realized from the above information that it would be necessary to obtain custody of the victim by some ruse perpetrated upon the school authorities at the French Institute Notre Dame De Sion. He therefore concocted a story to his paramour, BONNIE HEADY, telling her that he had previously been married and that his former wife at the time of divorce had secured a court order which would prevent him from ever seeing or having custody of his son. He denied that he had ever told BONNIE HEADY that he was formerly married to Mrs. GREENLEASE, but did emphatically tell her that BOBBY GREENLEASE was his son. He stated on the several trips he made driving by the GREENLEASE home he had BONNIE HEADY in the car with him and used the excuse that he hoped his son would be out in the yard and he would at least get a fleeting glimpse of him. He stated BONNIE HEADY in her alcoholic condition was gullible, easily swayed and "would do anything for one more drink of whisky." He further advised that due to her alcoholic mind, she would be in a haze for days, and related that she would drink at least a pint of whisky before breakfast. He stated that his only fear at the particular time was that Mrs. BONNIE HEADY was not getting his instructions through her drunken mind and would foul up things at the crucial time when it came time to obtain the victim. He stated his story that BOBBY GREENLEASE was his son was getting through to her and that she was believing it.

In further preparation for this kidnapping CARL HALL stated that he was afraid that the ransom money and the duffel bag used to carry the ransom money would be treated with a chemical solution which might upon touch be transferred to his person and effect his apprehension. He therefore, went to the Western Auto Supply Store at St. Joseph, Missouri, and purchased a blue plastic sheet which he described as four to five feet square. He stated that the reason that he purchased this was that he could wrap it around the duffel bag and that he could set the ransom duffel bag on the plastic sheet to handle it and not run the danger of having any chemical solution transfer to his person. He also advised that he purchased the tablet paper to prepare the ransom notes at a ten-cent store in St. Joseph, Missouri, the name of which he is unable to specifically recall at the present time.

He also advised that prior to the kidnapping he proceeded to the Union Station in Kansas City, Missouri, purchased an edition of the Daily Oklahoman, as well as several other newspapers and he cut from this Daily Oklahoman edition the ad of the Greenlease-Moore Motor Company. He stated that he cut this ad for the purpose of throwing the FBI off his trail, inasmuch he concluded that the FBI would identify from which newspaper this ad was removed and that they would concentrate in the state of Oklahoma for suspects in connection with this case. He stated that he pasted this ad on the envelope containing ransom note number one.

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Concerning ransom note Number 1, he advised that he had prepared this note prior to the actual abduction of the victim, folded same and carried it in his coat pocket for a considerable period of time. Although he is unable to state the exact date that he prepared the note, he estimated it to be approximately two weeks prior to the actual abduction. In further preparation for this kidnapping, he stated that he prepared this letter in the home of BONNIE HEADY, using her writing desk and that the scotch tape used to paste the previously mentioned want ad bearing Mr. GREENLEASE's name on the letter was thrown away. He emphatically denied that BONNIE HEADY ever handled this letter to his knowledge nor did she ever help him prepare or phrase the letter and insisted that he never consulted her in any details relative to the preparation of this or any other subsequent letter to the GREENLEASE family.

In further preparation for this kidnapping, he stated, he arrived at the figure of \$600,000 as ransom as he had read previously that a million dollars would weigh a great deal and that he estimated that \$600,000 in \$10 and \$20 bills would make a bundle weighing around 85 pounds, and that this amount could conveniently be carried and yet that it would be a substantial amount to cover his needs. He also advised in preparation that he put in the first ransom letter instructions relative to the duffel bag because a duffel bag was big, sturdy and would not tear easily if thrown from a moving vehicle at the scene of the pay-off.

In preparation of the first ransom note he stated that he placed the note in a small envelope and then put that envelope in a larger one and addressed the outside of the second envelope to Mr. GREENLEASE and subsequently realized he made a mistake in the address. He advised that he had obtained Mr. GREENLEASE's address from the telephone book of Kansas City, Missouri.

HALL stated that the only identification he used in the preparation of the first ransom letter was the letter "M." He could give no particular reason for using this letter, stating he might just as well have used "G," "B" or any other letter, but just picked "M" at random. Also, in connection with the ransom note, HALL stated that he asked Mr. GREENLEASE that the ransom money be obtained in small bills, \$10 and \$20's, from the twelve separate Federal Reserve Banks throughout the United States. He stated that the reason that he did this was of course, the smaller bills could be passed at any store without any unusual circumstances surrounding the bill itself and that the twelve different federal reserve banks would make it more difficult for anyone to trace in the event the money was serialized. He stated for this reason he also put in the letter that, "I realize that it will take some time to get this money."

HALL stated that about two weeks before the kidnapping he went to Uncle Sam's Pawn Shop, on Minnesota Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas, where he purchased a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson snub-nose revolver and a box of

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ammunition. He denied that he purchased this firearm or ammunition for the express purpose of carrying out the kidnapping, stating that he had intended to rob a Safeway Store in Kansas City and had it eased for this purpose. When questioned as to the identity of the store he said he had looked over two of them and finally decided on the Safeway Store at about 11th and Broadway. He indicated that he had discussed robbing this store with his confederate, TOM MARSH, but was unable to supply any of the details as to what MARSH was to do and was very vague concerning this proposed robbery.

HALL stated that about a week before the kidnapping, he rented a green Ford Sedan from a rental agency in the 200 block of Seventh Street, St. Joseph, Mo., in BONNIE HEADY's name, and used it on several trips to Kansas City to ease the GREENLEASE kidnapping. He stated the reason he rented this car was because he was afraid that they would notice the Plymouth station wagon and he did not want to attract suspicion to it as he desired to use it during and following the kidnapping.

With respect to TOM MARSH, subsequent investigation has disclosed that this individual has no connection with this investigation. HALL alleged that MARSH was an accomplice and the murderer of the victim.

Concerning TOM MARSH, the alleged accomplice and murderer of the victim, HALL stated he first met this individual in a tavern, the Keg Tavern, which is located in the Netherlands Hotel in the 3600 block on Main St., and after having a few drinks and exchanging pleasantries, he realized that MARSH was undoubtedly an ex-convict, due to some of the slang expressions he used which were peculiar to penitentiary life. He denied that MARSH ever told him he was an ex-convict or had served time and he likewise denied that he told MARSH that he was an ex-con. He stated, however, he felt sure they both realized and understood each other's status in this regard. He stated that on about the second meeting with MARSH he asked him if he would like to go on a "real good caper," and that MARSH told him he would if there was enough in it, and inquired as to how much they might realize. HALL stated he told MARSH that it would be at least \$100,000, at which time MARSH stated that he would be willing to go on anything that big. HALL stated from that time on, he and MARSH had numerous conferences and planned the GREENLEASE kidnapping. He stated that on some occasions they would sit and talk in either the Plymouth station wagon of BONNIE HEADY, or sit and talk in the 1949 or 1950 two door gray Chevrolet coach or business coupe of MARSH. HALL stated this latter car appeared to be in excellent condition, had a radio and red plaid seat covers of the nylon variety. He stated he is sure that it bore Missouri license plates but does not know the number. He could not recall any accessories the car had other than a radio. He denied this automobile was equipped with a spotlight. He denied that there were any blemishes of any kind on either the exterior or interior of this car, which would more readily identify it. He stated, however, MARSH told him he had purchased it rather recently and he assumed this purchase had been made in Kansas City. MARSH told him he was residing at the LaSalle Hotel but denied that he had ever contacted or visited him at this hotel. HALL claimed that all subsequent contacts with MARSH, after MARSH agreed to go in with him on the GREENLEASE Kidnapping, took place around Union Station, generally in the east parking lot where they would stop and talk over the plan and occasionally they would go up on the Liberty Memorial Mall to discuss their plans for the kidnapping.

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When pressed for detailed description concerning MARSH, HALL claims he is unable to furnish same, is unable to describe his dress. He stated that he definitely gathered the impression that MARSH was somewhat well acquainted in Kansas City, inasmuch as he could distinguish one direction from another but appeared to be not too familiar with various streets, avenues and other thoroughfares. He denied having any idea as to the nativity of MARSH or his background and further denies that he had any ideas as to the type of employment MARSH had, if any. In fact, he stated he seriously doubted if MARSH was employed, as he seemed to have money on occasions and he broke on other occasions, and that he assumed from this that MARSH was probably on the hustle. HALL stated on one occasion that MARSH had never been to BONNIE HEADY's home in St. Joseph, Missouri, and when later questioned as to how MARSH could drive directly from Kansas City, Missouri, with the victim to BONNIE HEADY's home in St. Joseph, Missouri, and arrive ahead of HALL and HEADY, he replied that prior to the kidnapping he had taken MARSH in BONNIE HEADY's Plymouth station wagon and had driven him over the road, outlining same to him and definitely giving him the route to BONNIE HEADY's home and showing him how to get in the house through the basement. He denied that he took MARSH into the house but claimed to have driven him by the house a couple of times so he knew the location and the driveway. Pertaining to MARSH's duties or assignment in this kidnapping, HALL stated that, due to BONNIE HEADY's drunken condition at all times, he could not trust her with the custody of the victim while he, HALL, was absent in Kansas City, Missouri, making the arrangements for the pay-off and collection of the ransom. Therefore, he had to have somebody that he "could trust real quick," and therefore, even though he had a short acquaintance with MARSH, explicitly trusted him to keep custody of the victim in BONNIE HEADY's home, and after the pay-off to release the victim at the Besse Hotel in Pittsburg, Kansas, so that he could be returned to his home. He stated that MARSH agreed to this assignment and for his services they were to split the \$800,000 ransom in equal shares, fifty-fifty.

HALL stated that three or four days before the kidnapping, he gave TOM MARSH the .38 caliber S & W snub-nose, which he had previously purchased at Uncle Sam's Pawn Shop in Kansas City, Kansas. He stated he gave MARSH this gun in front of Union Station in Kansas City and that MARSH had asked to have the gun for his protection in the event he was stopped or questioned while taking care of the victim, BOBBY GREENLEASE.

HALL stated that a day or two prior to the kidnapping, he made the final arrangements with MARSH as to his part in this kidnapping. He stated that MARSH was to be in his, MARSH's, car parked around the corner north of Westport Road on the first street east of the Southwest Expressway. HALL was unable to recall the name of this street and stated he would not know it even if he heard the name. He admitted, however, that this street was a dead-end street and that this was the reason it was picked as there would be little, if any, traffic on the street when it was necessary to make the switch of the victim from one car to the other for the purpose of taking him from Kansas City to St. Joseph as planned.

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In furtherance of the preparation to effect this kidnapping, HALL stated that on Sunday, September 27, 1953, while at BONNIE HEADY's home in St. Joseph, Missouri, she and he had a conference concerning the exact role she was to play to secure the victim from the nuns in the French Institute Notre Dame De Sion School. He stated that he was afraid that BONNIE HEADY in her drunken condition would not be able to accurately carry out the role and that he had considerable difficulty with her keeping her away from whisky so that she would not be in too drunk a condition on the following Monday morning to go through with the plan. He stated he went over her role with her several times and finally arrived at the conclusion that she had the details of her part well in mind.

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DETAILS RELATIVE TO KIDNAPING

CARL HALL advised that on the morning of instant kidnaping, September 28, 1953, he and BONNIE HEADY arose very early for them and proceeded to Kansas City, Missouri, at 6:00 a.m., via Highway #71. Upon coming into North Kansas City, they stopped at Lynn's Tavern in North Kansas City for an eye-opener, after which they proceeded into Kansas City proper where he purchased some chlorophyll and Clorets to kill the odor of liquor on BONNIE HEADY's breath. He stated they rode around and looked over the French Institute Notre Dame de Sion School, as he felt that his plan was not fool-proof, due to the fact that BONNIE HEADY was undependable due to her drinking. He stated that had he been able to get BOBBY GREENLEASE from the school without sending BONNIE HEADY in through the front door he would have done so and changed his plans at the last minute. He stated they parked in the neighborhood and observed the children, but that he could not conceive anyway of getting the victim out of the school without using the front door approach. He stated he again briefed BONNIE HEADY on exactly what she was to say which consisted of telling the Sisters that she was Mrs. GREENLEASE's sister and had been shopping with her on the Plaza when she suffered a heart attack and that she desired to take BOBBY from the school to take him to his mother. HALL stated that he decided around 11:00 a.m. would be the best time to pull this ruse since it would be getting close to the lunch hour and that there would be considerable natural confusion occasioned by this. HALL stated that at approximately 11:00 a.m. he drove west up Main Street to the corner of Thirty-ninth and let BONNIE HEADY off at the filling station on the southwest corner and instructed her to walk down to the Toedman Cab Company and get a cab and go to the French Institute, according to his plan. HALL stated that he immediately drove into the Katz parking lot after letting BONNIE HEADY out of the station wagon and sat in the parking lot waiting for BONNIE as planned. He stated that in a very short time he observed a Toedman Cab drive into the lot off of Main Street and saw BONNIE HEADY and a boy get out of the cab. He immediately knew that his plan had been successful, but in order to avoid detection, he drove further on to the Katz lot around the corner to the south so that the cab driver could not possibly see him.

He stated after the cab drove off the lot BONNIE and BOBBY walked over to the station wagon and got in with BOBBY sitting in the

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middle of the front seat. He stated he spoke to BOBBY, asked him how he was and started to carry on a conversation with him. He stated BOBBY was very talkative and gave him absolutely no trouble. He stated he immediately drove off the Katz lot after BONNIE HEADY and BOBBY got into the car, going west on to Westport Road. He stated that to the best of his recollection he let BONNIE HEADY out of the station wagon somewhere near the Westport Bank, which is located at the intersection of Westport Road and Broadway, and told her to wait around that intersection until he came back. He stated he could not recall driving her down to the Plaza area.

HALL stated that after letting BONNIE HEADY out of the station wagon he immediately drove on west on Westport Road to the first street east of the Southwest Expressway and turned north on to this street just around the corner off of Westport coming in directly behind the gun-metal grey Chevrolet belonging to TOM MARSH which was parked in this location headed north. He stated he immediately got out of the station wagon, told BOBBY to come on and get in the Chevrolet as the man was going to take him for a ride. He stated BOBBY made no protest and willingly got in the Chevrolet with MARSH. HALL stated he immediately got back in the station wagon and turned around back on to Westport, after which he drove back east to the Westport Bank where he picked up BONNIE HEADY. He stated he was gone a little over ten or fifteen minutes after he let her out and after she got in the car he drove down Broadway across the ASB Bridge to North Kansas City, hence up Highway #71, to St. Joseph, Missouri. He stated that he had originally planned to stay in Kansas City and handle all the ransom demand, but immediately after turning BOBBY over to MARSH he got apprehensive and decided to go immediately to St. Joseph and see if MARSH had arrived there as planned and if everything was alright. HALL stated MARSH did not have over fifteen minutes head start on him and that he himself drove pretty fast and arrived at BONNIE HEADY's home and left BONNIE sitting in the car. He immediately went around and into the basement and as soon as he entered the basement he saw BOBBY GREENLEASE's body lying on the basement floor with blood all around and his, HALL's, .38 caliber Smith and Wesson snub-nose revolver alongside the body. HALL stated he immediately became panicky and left the house, going out to the station wagon where BONNIE HEADY was sitting and told her to go downtown and pick up his laundry and do some shopping. He stated that BONNIE HEADY complied with his request and immediately drove off in the station wagon. HALL continued that there was absolutely no one in the HEADY home, it was entirely deserted at the time he discovered victim's body. There were no automobiles in

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the neighborhood that he could observe and as soon as BONNIE HEADY left for downtown he immediately got a shovel and proceeded to dig a grave for the victim, which grave is located about two and one-half feet from the house and about one and one-half feet from the back porch in a corner. He stated he dug this grave about two and one-half to three feet deep. He stated he was so excited and panicky at this time that he was digging very rapidly and that he dug a good size grave which he was certain would hold the victim.

He stated he stopped downstairs, took the blue plastic sheet, put the victim's body on it and decided to bury him. He stated he made one trip up the stairway, went outside, decided the hole was not suitable, carried the body back downstairs and then arrived at the conclusion that he would wait until BONNIE HEADY got home, was going to get the station wagon, put the body in it and carry it out to the Missouri River and dispose of it in this fashion. He stated, however, that prior to BONNIE's return he realized that this plan would not work and at this point he was becoming so extremely nervous and panicky he had carried the body upstairs into the kitchen and then had carried it back downstairs the second time. He stated on all occasions blood was dripping from the body, in the basement, on the back stairway, on the kitchen floor and on the back screen door frame. He advised that he did not carry the victim in a sling fashion with the blue plastic sheet, but carried him in his arms, and it was entirely possible he could have slung the body around, splattering blood as he did so. He advised that shortly thereafter, BONNIE HEADY came home in a drunken condition, that he did not speak to her or have any other conversation with her and that she went in the house to the bedroom and began to sleep. He stated that he then carried the body back up the stairway another time, placed it in the station wagon and then realized that he might be detected while he was disposing of the body and finally decided to bury it in the previously dug grave. He stated he then removed the body from the station wagon, although considerable blood had dripped in the station wagon at this period. He stated that he then wrapped the body in the blue plastic sheet, placed the body in the grave and put a quantity of lime on top of the body to facilitate decomposition as he had read that this was the thing to do to get rid of a body. He stated that he only filled the grave about half in at this particular time as he was in a rush to return to Kansas City to mail the first ransom letter, which he had prepared a week or two before. He stated he had been carrying this letter around in his coat pocket but had not addressed it, and that he rushed upstairs and addresses it at BONNIE's writing desk, after which he got in the



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Plymouth station wagon and rapidly drove to Kansas City.

He stated he drove up and down Broadway looking at mail boxes to make sure that the letter would be picked up that night. He stated it was about 6:00 p.m. when he got to Kansas City and as he remembered it he mailed the first letter on Broadway somewhere between the Coates House and Twelfth Street. After mailing this letter he immediately returned to St. Joseph, Missouri but upon getting to north Kansas City got to thinking about the address he put on the letter. He stated he stopped and looked at a telephone book and realized that he had put the wrong address on the GREENLEASE letter. He could not recall what address he had put on the letter but he was definitely sure that it was wrong and that the correct address was 2920 Verona Road. HALL stated he got to wondering about whether they would get the letter or not, but stated he figured that since GREENLEASE was well known and he had addressed the letter to Verona Road, which was a short residential street, it would eventually get to him. He stated he sent this letter special delivery, hoping it would get to the victim's family before they reported the matter to any law enforcement agency. At this point HALL was shown a photostatic copy of ransom letter number one in instant case and the two envelopes and he readily admitted that he had prepared and mailed all three of these documents, well knowing that BOBBY GREENLEASE was already dead when he did so.

HALL stated upon returning to BONNIE HEADY's home at St. Joseph, Missouri, he stayed up all night drinking and as soon as it got light, around 6:00 a.m. he went out and finished filling in the hole which was BOBBY GREENLEASE's grave. HALL was questioned in detail as to the clothing worn by the victim at the time his body was found in the basement of BONNIE HEADY's home, and he stated that due to his panicky condition he could not accurately remember any details concerning the boy's clothing, but does definitely recall that he was fully clothed although he could not remember whether he had on shoes and socks. At this point in the interview the Jerusalem medal apparently worn by victim at the time he left the French Institute School and enclosed in the second ransom note, was exhibited to HALL. He readily admitted removing this medal from the clothing of the dead victim for the sole purpose of enclosing it in a ransom note as proof that he was the actual kidnaper of BOBBY GREENLEASE.

At this point in the interview Agents made every effort to point out to HALL the fallacy of his story, its inconsistencies, but he continued to steadfastly claim that there was such a person as

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TOM MARSH and emphatically and emotionally denied that he was the actual murderer of BOBBY GREENLEASE. While HALL at this point steadfastly denied that he had actually murdered victim, he stated, "I know that I'm going to die, and that I know I am more responsible than anyone else because I planned the kidnaping and it resulted in the death of BOBBY GREENLEASE." Repeated questioning of HALL resulted in his continuing denial that he murdered the victim and he would rapidly keep repeating, "I didn't do it. I didn't do it. I didn't do it." HALL stated that in his own mind he was sure that BOBBY was killed in BONNIE HEADY's basement, but emphatically denied he knew who did it.

HALL stated that after he returned from Kansas City, having mailed the first ransom note, he went down in the basement and tried to clean it up as best he could, using water, a broom and rags. He stated this was not entirely satisfactory and he accordingly got some gasoline and turpentine, which was already in glass receptacles in the basement. He stated he also tried to clean up the Plymouth station wagon as it had blood in it in the back. He stated he used turpentine to clean up this vehicle. He also stated he had blood on his clothes but could not recall what he did with them.

HALL admitted that BONNIE HEADY was in the house all during the time he was cleaning out the basement and during the time he was trying to decide what to do with the body, but claimed she was in her bedroom passed out. He stated that she never knew a thing that was going on, but the next morning after reading an account of the kidnaping in the Kansas City Times, BONNIE asked him about BOBBY and what had happened to him and he told her he was o.k. and she should not worry about him. He stated he showed BONNIE where he had dug up the back yard where he had buried BOBBY's body, but denied that he told her he had buried the body at this point, but told her he had prepared the ground so that she could plant some flowers and they decided some drysanthemums would look nice in this location. HALL stated they accordingly drove to McInnish Greenhouse and bought a dozen drysanthemums, after which he and BONNIE returned home and planted them over the grave, watering them down good. He stated he and BONNIE both got mud on their shoes while planting these flowers.

HALL stated the lime used to pourover the victim's body in the grave was purchased by him at the Alexander Lumber Yard, Kansas City, Missouri, which he stated is located on Highway #50 near Cleveland Street. He stated he bought this lime two or three months previously

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due to the fact that the soil around the grape arbor was becoming sour and BONNIE wanted him to put the lime in to revitalize this soil. He stated that the shovel which he used to dig the grave was the one he probably purchased in the hardware store in St. Joseph, Missouri, approximately one month prior to the kidnapping. He stated he purchased this shovel to assist him in setting out tomato plants. It was pointed out to HALL that tomato plants are normally planted in the spring of the year and not in the fall and he advised BONNIE had some tomato plants planted in the spring but desired these planted during the late summer months. He stated that he was unable to recall the name of the hardware store where he purchased same in St. Joseph, Missouri, was unable to describe the clerk who sold him the shovel or any other details which could be verified.

DETAILS RELATIVE TO MAILING OF RANSOM LETTERS

The details relative to the mailing of the ransom letter number one, which is postmarked Kansas City, Missouri, 6:00 p.m., September 28, 1953, have been previously set forth above and, as previously stated, HALL has readily admitted preparation and mailing of this letter. It should be noted that the contents of this letter requested Mr. GREENLEASE to proceed from 29th and 39th on Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri, on the morning of September 29, 1953, at which time he should have a rag attached to the aerial of his car signifying that he had received the first ransom letter. Concerning this latter item, HALL on interview stated that he did not make any attempt to observe whether or not Mr. GREENLEASE complied with these instructions and he could offer no logical reason why he placed these instructions in the envelope.

Relative to the preparation and mailing of ransom letter number two, HALL continued that after he had mailed ransom letter number one, he realized he had put an erroneous address on the envelope of ransom letter number one. He stated that he believed he addressed the letter to Mr. GREENLEASE at 2600 Verona Road but after the latter was mailed he recalled that his proper address was 2920 Verona Road. He stated that due to this error he was afraid that Mr. GREENLEASE had not received the first ransom note and, therefore, prepared ransom letter number two at BONNIE HEADY's home in St. Joseph, Missouri on September 29, 1953. He stated that he handprinted this letter on similar stationery at the BONNIE HEADY home which was white linen tablet paper which he estimates to be approximately five by eight inches.

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He stated that he handprinted the message in ransom letter number two and signed it "M" and addressed the envelope to Mr. ROBERT C. GREENLEASE, 2920 Verona Road, Mission Hills, Kansas. He thereupon, placed seven three cent stamps and marked it Special in the upper left-hand corner. A photostatic copy of ransom letter number two was exhibited to CARL HALL and he stated that it was a true likeness and replica of the letter he prepared at BONNIE HEADY's home and addressed to Mr. ROBERT GREENLEASE. However, prior to sealing the envelope he put the Jerusalem cross medal which he had removed from victim's body in this envelope in order to show Mr. GREENLEASE that it was the writer of this letter who had custody of his son.

After preparing this letter he drove to Kansas City, Missouri with BONNIE HEADY and dropped this letter in a United States mail box, the location of which he was unable to recall. After mailing this letter they returned to St. Joseph, Missouri. HALL also stated that in ransom letter number two he requested Mr. GREENLEASE to put an ad in the Kansas City Star personal column as follows: "Meet me in Chicago, signed 'G'." He advised that he also instructed Mr. GREENLEASE that this would be the signal to him, HALL, that Mr. GREENLEASE had the money available and was willing to negotiate the ransom payoff. He also advised that in this letter he informed Mr. GREENLEASE that his boy was "okay" but homesick and repeated the instructions to put the money in an army duffle bag. Subject HALL, was also shown the photostatic copy of the envelope which contained ransom letter number two and he admitted that he had prepared it and addressed it as above stated.

HALL continued that these actually were the only two ransom letters he had sent to the GREENLEASE family but did admit that he had left notes at various places in Kansas City, Missouri while they were negotiating the ransom payoff. He stated, however, these were notes of instruction as to where to put the ransom money rather than any additional demand for same.

#### TELEPHONE CALLS AND ADDITIONAL RANSOM NEGOTIATIONS

HALL stated that on Wednesday, September 30, 1953, he and BONNIE HEADY drove to Kansas City in the Plymouth station wagon and had dinner at the Coates House. While eating dinner he excused himself and made a phone call from a pay station in the hotel to the GREENLEASE residence, Gilmore 6200. As soon as some man answered the phone HALL

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said he already had his handkerchief placed over his mouth as a disguise and said, "This is 'M'." The man said, "What did you say?" and I repeated, "M". The man asked some questions but all he answered was, "Six hundred thousand, twenties and tens." They asked something about the boy to which he replied, "Medal." Then I hung up. After making this phone call he and BONNIE returned to her home in St. Joseph, Missouri where they remained all day Thursday. On Thursday evening he said he observed in the personal column of the Kansas City Star the following ad: "'M' meet me in Chicago Sunday - 'G'." HALL said this was the contact he had been waiting for as he had instructed the GREENLEASEs to place this item in the paper when they had the money ready. HALL did not go to Kansas City Thursday at all but sometime during the day, Friday, October the second, he drove to Kansas City and made a phone call to the GREENLEASE residence in which he identified himself in a very similar manner to that which he had used before, disguising his voice with his handkerchief. HALL said he ended the conversation by saying, "Tonight" and hung up.

HALL then stated that he started laying out a payoff route and that the first point of contact was at 29th and Holmes where he placed a note with instructions to go to 42nd and Charlotte under a mail box on the corner. HALL stated he fastened this note to the bottom of the mail box with some tape which he had bought at Herman's Drug Store in St. Joseph, Missouri and believed that this tape was still at BONNIE HEADY's home. HALL stated he also had some red chalk which he had purchased at Katz Drug Store in north Kansas City and he used this chalk to mark a rock at the corner of 42nd and Charlotte with a red cross and under this rock he placed a second note of instructions which directed that the money be left in the alcove of the First Brethern and United Church at 40th and Harrison. HALL stated that BONNIE HEADY was with him all during the time he layed out this payoff route but that she was inebriated and did not know what was going on.

HALL stated that on the date of the first payoff attempt he was driving a 1952 Ford sedan which had been rented from a U-Drive-It Company in the 200 block of Seventh Street, St. Joseph, Missouri, in the name of BONNIE HEADY. He stated he had either brought the station wagon to Kansas City earlier or had left it at home but believes it was in a parking lot of the filling station across from Lynns, a tavern in

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north Kansas City. He stated the reason he rented this Ford was to allay suspicion from HEADY and, of course, himself. He stated that he had already changed the license tags on the Ford by stealing a set of plates off of a car parked on the streets in north Kansas City and had thrown the regular license for the rented car away. He stated that he was armed with his .38 caliber Smith and Wesson snub-nose revolver as was the case on all subsequent payoff attempts. At the time HALL layed out this payoff he had no intentions of attempting to pick up the package but merely wanted to give the GREENLEASEs a dummy run to see if they were sincere and to make sure they had not layed a trap for him. He had already figured out in his plans to have two dummy runs before he made any attempt to collect the ransom money.

HALL stated that he started the first payoff attempt by making a telephone call to the GREENLEASE residence at about 1:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, October 3rd, from a bar near Armour and Troost. He did not further identify this bar but stated that they were closing at the time he made the call. HALL stated he drove around until about 4:00 a.m. and drove by 42nd and Charlotte and noticed that the rock under which he placed his second note was still in place. He then drove to the telephone booth located at the streetcar shelter house at Brushcreek and Main, at which time he placed a call to the GREENLEASE residence and asked the party answering what had happened. He was advised that they did not have the money at the home, had had trouble finding his notes, and were afraid it would be daylight before they could comply with his instructions. This party told HALL they had written him a note and placed it where he had directed the payoff to take place. After receiving this explanation HALL replied in a disguised voice, "Tonight" and hung up. HALL did not go by the church to pick up the message that they claimed to have left him as he was afraid it would be a trap.

HALL stated that after the first payoff run and his early morning phone call to the GREENLEASE residence, he and BONNIE HEADY returned to St. Joseph, Missouri, where they remained until Saturday afternoon, at which time they returned to Kansas City in the rented Ford and layed out a payoff route in north Kansas City. He stated that BONNIE HEADY was with him when he layed out this route but again stated she was inebriated and did not know what was going on. After laying

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out the payoff route in north Kansas City he rented a motel in a tourist court at the intersection of United States Highways #71 and #69, using the name of Mr. and Mrs. HEADY and giving the address of either Booneville, Columbia, or Sedalia, Missouri. About 1:30 a.m. Sunday, October 4th, he drove to Kansas City, Kansas, having BONNIE HEADY in the car with him but she was again or still inebriated, and made a phone call to the GREENLEASE residence from a pay station in the Town House, Kansas City, Kansas. He told the answering party, after identifying himself as he had done on subsequent calls, to go to 13th and Summit where they would find a note under a rock marked with a red cross. He had previously placed this note under the rock and this note directed the receiver to go to north Kansas City and drive up Highway #169 to the Oak View addition sign and there to look under another rock with a red cross where he had placed a note directing them to leave the money bag up a seldom used lane closed to the LUMM Farm off Highway #69 between Highways #71 and #169.

HALL stated that he was parked on Highway #69 in the rented Ford and that BONNIE HEADY was with him but was asleep. He stated he saw a dark Cadillac go by and assumed it was the payoff car. HALL stated he had no intentions of trying to pick up the money that night but did drive down into the lane where he had told them to leave the bag and could not see it. He then drove back over to Kansas City, Kansas where he placed another phone call from the pay station at the Town House to the GREENLEASE residence, at which time he was informed that they had left the money and that he should go back and look for it. He drove back and looked but still could not find it and, being afraid that a trap had been laid for him, he then drove to the Ben Bolt Hotel in north Kansas City, at which point he again called the GREENLEASE home and was told that they had left the money as directed but were now on their way to pick it up for fear that some unauthorized person or persons might find it. He told them it was his mistake and that he would call them later in the day, and said they should definitely make the payoff that day and he would deliver BOBBY GREENLEASE to them within twenty-four hours.

HALL stated Mrs. GREENLEASE had previously talked to him on the phone after he had agreed to see if it would be possible for her to talk to her son although he well knew he was dead and buried. When he told her it was impossible to talk to her son because it was

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too much of a risk to get him to the phone, he said she asked him two questions that she wanted to have BOBBY answer and requested that he phone her back. The first question was something about who was their chauffeur in Europe and the second question had something to do with what BOBBY had built in his playroom. HALL told Mrs. GREENLEASE he would endeavor to get BOBBY to answer these questions for her and call her back within an hour, knowing full well all the time that BOBBY was already dead. When HALL did call he told them that BOBBY had refused to answer the questions but he assured them that BOBBY was alive and well but homesick. HALL said that he made some remark that BOBBY had told him about his parrot that whistled in order to try and reassure them that the boy was still alive so that they would be sure to go through with the payoff.

HALL stated that on Sunday, October 4th, he and BONNIE HEADY checked into Tiny and Marie's Motel on east Highway #40, taking the end cabin as you drive in on the right hand side. He stated that BONNIE HEADY had passed out and remained in bed all day. He stated that he went out and started laying out a third payoff route, finally deciding on county road 10E running south off Highway #40 to a bridge about a mile from Highway #40 which he thought would be a good place for the payoff.

HALL stated that he had already told the GREENLEASEs that he would call them at 8:00 p.m., Sunday, October 4th, but that he did not call them until 8:30, at which time he apologized for being late. He stated that this call was placed from Katz Drug Store, Lynnwood and Troost, and that he talked to Mr. LEDTERMAN. He told LEDTERMAN he was going to make the payoff very simple and that they could expect the child back within twenty-four hours. He stated that he told LEDTERMAN he should go to Pittsburg, Kansas and wait for a message addressed to him, LEDTERMAN, in care of Western Union at that point, which would tell him where the child could be picked up. HALL stated he told LEDTERMAN he would call him at exactly 11:30 p.m. at telephone Valentine 9279. HALL stated he did not tell LEDTERMAN where this phone was located as he was somewhat muddled. He stated that LEDTERMAN kept insisting that he tell him the location of this phone as he had no other way of finding out where it was located and that he finally told him it was somewhere around Lynnwood and Troost; more specifically, near the LaSalle Hotel. He finally told him it was some kind of a "shire" stating that he, himself, could not remember the correct name of the hotel in which the phone booth was located, but which he now knows as the Berkshire Hotel.



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HALL stated that he called LEDTERMAN, as arranged, at exactly 11:30 p.m. at telephone Valentine 9279, making the call from a pay phone in a filling station on the south side of U. S. Highway #40 between Blue Ridge and Stevenson's Cafe. He stated that at the time of this call he told LEDTERMAN to proceed east on U. S. Highway #40, past Stevenson's Cafe to road 10E, and then turn south on this road for about one mile until he came to a bridge where he should throw the bag out on the right side of the road on the north side of the bridge. HALL stated that he remembered parking near this filling station from which he made the phone call until he saw a dark Cadillac go by going east on Highway #40 with two men in it whom he took to be LEDTERMAN and his partner. HALL stated that BONNIE HEADY was with him at the time all of these negotiations were going on but as usual was inebriated and did not know what was going on.

HALL stated he was driving the rented Ford and started out three or four minutes behind LEDTERMAN in the Cadillac. He stated he drove down road 10E to the south off Highway #40 but did not see the bag as he drove by so he went on south a couple of miles and then pulled off the road and turned around headed back north. He stated that he turned off his motor and lights and waited for five or ten minutes until he saw car lights coming toward him. He then started up and drove past the Cadillac which was coming south. He stated that BONNIE HEADY was with him all the time and that as soon as he crossed over the bridge he stopped on the north side, got out, and picked up the bag which was on the west side of the road and put it in the trunk of the Ford. He estimated that he actually received the ransom money about 12:30 a.m. Monday morning, October 5, 1953.

HALL stated that after getting the money bag he drove back into Kansas City and made a call from a bar located on the northwest corner of 31st and Forest to the GREENLEASE residence, Gilmore 6200, where he talked to Mr. LEDTERMANN and told him, "We got the bag." HALL also remembered making the remark about, "I might buy a Cadillac." HALL stated that he promised LEDTERMAN he would send him a wire in the morning, c/o Western Union in Pittsburg, Kansas telling him where he could pick up BOBBY and assuring him that BOBBY was alive and well and full of hell, knowing of course that BOBBY GREENLEASE had been dead and buried since Monday afternoon, September 28th. He stated that prior to the picking up of the ransom money he and BONNIE HEADY had checked out of their motel around 8:00 or 9:00 p.m. and he stated that agreeable to a prior arrangement they departed en route to St. Louis about 2:00 a.m., driving out Highway #40 toward St. Louis.

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On October 10, 1953, subject CARL AUSTIN HALL was interviewed by WILLIAM G. SIMON, ASAC, at the St. Louis City Jail. HALL advised that he was staying at the Town House Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri, at the time of his arrest. The room, which he occupied, was a living room with pull-out beds and a kitchenette and a large closet at the left of the hall entrance. This closet he described as a walk-in closet with a dresser in it. HALL stated that it was in this closet that he had placed the two metal suitcases which contained the ransom money. HALL continued that the brown leather bag and the zipper brief case were in the living room up against the wall and that the brief case was immediately adjacent to the hall and the brown suit case was pushed up against it. HALL continued that at what he estimates was shortly before 8:00 p.m. he was sitting in the room alone having a drink of whiskey. He stated that at this time BONNIE was still staying at the Arsenal Street apartment. He stated that he recalls it was shortly before 8:00 p.m., because he was expecting JOHN HAGER to bring his girl friend up to HALL's apartment at 8:00 p.m. HALL said he had not met this girl friend, but that JOHN HAGER was to bring her as a date for him. He advised that there was a rap on the door, and two men walked in and placed HALL under arrest. He said that the taller of the two did the talking, who, in all probability, was Lieutenant LOUIS SHOULDERS. HALL stated that he immediately thought, "The jig was up" and that the other man held a gun on HALL and that HALL's gun was in a desk drawer loaded. HALL continued that the tall man started to look around and went through HALL's pockets and took the keys to the suitcase from the kerchief pocket of HALL's coat. He states that he is not positive that they were taken from this pocket, but was sure that the keys were taken from one of his pockets. He continued that, after the tall man got the keys, he heard him go into the closet and thought he heard him open the suitcase, and HALL told the other man "I think the jig is up." The tall man walked back into the room and did not say anything about seeing any money in the suitcase. HALL continued that the other man said to HALL, "What do you mean?" and HALL said "I don't know what I meant," referring to HALL's remark, "I think the jig is up." HALL continued that the tall man then opened the brief case and he said, "Looks like you've got quite a bit of money here." HALL said "Yes," and the tall man said, "I'm putting the brief case back where I found it," and HALL stated that he did replace it in its former location.

HALL said that, while at the CORAL COURTS, he believes that he took about \$20,000 or \$30,000 and placed it in the brief case and that this was prior to the time that he took the money with the thought of burying it in the ground. HALL advised that he asked the officers, "What's this all about," thinking that the tall man had not seen the money in the suit case, and that the tall man answered, in effect, "Be quiet. When I get ready to tell you, I'll tell you," and that he then commented that some woman had called the Police to investigate HALL, but that he appeared very vague on this point. HALL continued that both of the above

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men took him out of the door and took him to the Police Station and that he believed that on departing from the hotel they locked the door. He stated that they did not bring the suit cases or brief case with them, leaving them in the room and HALL wondered why this was not done. HALL admitted at this point that he had been drinking whisky steadily and had taken a quarter grain of morphine.

HALL concluded that, as he walked out of the door with the officers he remembered that the two brass keys to the largest suit case were lying on the dresser. He stated that he did not see the only key which came with the other metal suit case. HALL concluded that he had not seen the suit cases from the time he was taken out of the hotel room by the two men and that he was not given any receipt for them.

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The following interview was conducted by Special Agents ██████████ and ██████████ on October 10, 1953 at which time they interviewed CARL AUSTIN HALL at the St. Louis City Jail. HALL was questioned pertaining to the book of matches found in HEADY's possession. b7 (c)

Pertaining to the book of matches found in BONNIE HEADY's possession at the time of her arrest by the St. Louis Police Department, subject stated that these matches were obtained at the El Rancho Motel, Kansas City, Mo., by him on 10/4/53, and he wrote the name of ROBERT LEDIERMAN in pencil inside this match case. He stated that he checked into this motel with BONNIE HEADY under the name of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. LEADY of Booneville, Missouri, although he does not recall the exact time in the morning that they checked in.

He stated that at that time they had in their possession the Ford they had obtained from the Mc Cord Bell Company in St. Joseph, Missouri. He does not recall the license number but believes that it was a plate that he had previously stolen in North Kansas City, Missouri.

He stated that he did not make any telephone calls from this motel and he is unable to explain why some unknown female would call for him and BONNIE HEADY after they had checked out. He stated, however, that later during the day while he was out checking the nearby vicinity for a suitable place to collect the ransom that BONNIE, who was in a semi-drunken condition, could possibly have wandered out of the motel, used the telephone, and called somebody and advised them of their location. He stated that she has never advised him that she did such, but that it would be entirely possible.

Concerning his conversation with JOHN HAGER, a cab driver in St. Louis, Missouri, relative to "Shipping a package," he advised that this referred to \$500 in ransom currency that he had sent to Mr. BARNEY PATTON of St. Joseph, Missouri. He stated that PATTON was responsible for "Securing his parole from the Missouri State Penitentiary," in 1953 and that he had never to date paid PATTON any money for his services, and that he desired to send him this money as a token for his gratitude and friendship for PATTON.

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Concerning the disposition of his clothing subsequent to the kidnapping, HALL stated that the suit he was wearing on September 28, 1953, was a blue sharkskin suit, size 42, which he believes he took to a cleaning shop on Frederick Avenue by the name of either HOBSON or HODSON in St. Joseph, Missouri. He stated that he believed that he put the shirt he was wearing at the time he handled the victim's body in the washing machine at BONNIE's home and endeavored to launder same. He stated that he does not presently recall what disposition he made of the shoes or necktie he was wearing.

HALL was questioned in detail concerning the alleged blood stains appearing in the HEADY home which he states were from the victim's body, and he advised that the stains appearing on the door casing at the basement steps leading to the kitchen and those leading to the front part of the kitchen were no doubt from the victim's body. He likewise stated those stains leading from the kitchen into the dining room and then to the back door were also no doubt from the body as he had carried victim's body in that direction.

He also advised that any blood stains that appeared upon the cushion and bedspread in the dining room were also probably from the victim's body. He stated that the cushion and bedspread, previously mentioned, were normally on the back porch of the home but due to the cool weather the back porch was no longer used and these things were brought into the dining room. He advised that they had been taken off the back porch prior to instant kidnapping.

He stated he does not recall laying the body on the fiber rug on the back porch, but that is entirely possible. He also stated that he did not recall specifically using the long handled ax in the basement of the house to pat the dirt into the victim's grave, but that he could have used it and not recall.

He also advised that he washed the chamois skin and hung it on the line to dry, but does not recall endeavoring to launder the quilt or comforter which was also hung on the line at the HEADY home.

He also advised that when he found instant gun lying behind victim's body that he opened the cylinder and took out three empty cartridge cases and threw them on the floor and later, possibly the next day, took

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them and placed them in the wastepaper basket or the incinerator. He definitely recalls that there were three empty cartridge cases, but does not recall what he did with the remaining live cartridges in the cylinder.

He also advised that to the best of his recollection the victim's body did not have the mechanical pencil at the time he observed it. The red ribbon with the medal was on the body, and he mailed the medal with the ransom note. He stated he believed he placed the red ribbon in the wastepaper basket and subsequently burned it at the HEADY home.

He advised he could not recall burning any newspapers, wood items or other material in the incinerator.

In an effort to pin subject HALL down to his exact actions and activities at the time he discovered the body and subsequently to sending BONNIE HEADY to St. Joseph to do some shopping, he related the following steps believed to be taken by him:

1. That he re-entered the basement, picked victim's body up and placed it on the plastic cover.
2. He left the body in the basement, obtained a shovel out of the garage, walked out on the driveway to the rear east side of the house and commenced to dig a grave for victim's body.
3. That he dug a grave about a foot deep, went back down in the basement to observe the body, then returned and dug the grave about another foot or two at which time he believed he heard BONNIE HEADY returning from downtown St. Joseph at which time he re-entered the house.
4. That he dispatched BONNIE HEADY to the living room to lie down and rest and believes that he took her a bottle of liquor and to the best of his recollection she did go to the living room and lie down on the couch and yet it could have been that she retired to the bedroom to lie down.
5. He then ran down the stairs and drove the station wagon into the basement, put victim's body in the rear of the Plymouth station wagon allegedly at that time for the purpose of taking

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it to the river and disposing of it in that fashion, but then decided not to take the body to the river.

He is unable to explain any logical reason why he did not dispose of the body in this fashion, but merely states "I was so excited I don't know why I didn't go to the river with it."

6. He then removed the body from the station wagon and placed it back on the basement floor and then re-entered the Plymouth station wagon in an effort to back it out of the basement but stopped before he completed backing out and drove the car back down in the basement.
7. Got out of the automobile and went back up and finished digging instant grave.
8. Believes he then ran into the house to observe what BONNIE HEADY was doing and recalled that she was either sleeping or had passed out drunk on a couch inside the house.
9. Re-entered the basement, brought the body in his arms up the stairs wrapped in the plastic sheet and entered the kitchen. He laid the body down and went out the back door for the purpose of burying the body.

He stated that he does not believe that he ever had the body under the back steps in the basement which leads to the kitchen, although he advised that he possibly could have placed the body there but does not remember.

10. Placed the body in the grave with the blue plastic sheet. Went in the garage and obtained a sack of lime, dropped it on the body leaving the empty sack in the grave and half filled the grave with dirt.
11. He then proceeded to the house where he washed his hands and face in either the bathroom or kitchen and removed his clothing changing to a pair of slacks and sport shirt.
12. He then drove to Kansas City and mailed the first ransom letter to the victim's family.

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HALL states that it is entirely possible that he mailed this letter at the main post office building in Kansas City, Missouri, and recalls that when he mailed the letter he looked at the collection schedule and discovered that he only had a couple of minutes before the mail would be picked up.

He stated he drove to Kansas City, Missouri from St. Joseph in HEADY's station wagon for the purpose of mailing the first ransom letter and then stopped at Lynn's Tavern for a drink on the way back to St. Joseph. He stated that it was his custom to drive from St. Joseph to Kansas City in approximately one hour's time, that the Plymouth station wagon was extremely speedy, and that he normally drove from 90 to 95 miles an hour.

He returned to BONNIE HEADY's home at approximately 7:30 or 8:00 p.m. on the night of September 28, 1953. He stated that upon his return to HEADY's home that they both started drinking quite heavily and he became exceptionally intoxicated and passed out while listening to the radio.

He denied hearing the news of instant kidnapping being broadcast on the radio that night.

HALL was examined meticulously concerning the above story of his burial of the victim's body and particularly his activities in disposing and carrying the body without BONNIE HEADY having some knowledge of the victim's body in her home.

He stubbornly and persistently refused to admit that he had murdered the victim, that there was no such person as TOM MARSH and claims the above related facts are true.

With reference to the holster found in HEADY's home, St. Joseph, Missouri, HALL stated that he had purchased this holster at Uncle Sam's Loan Office, Kansas City, at the same time he purchased the S & W Snub Nose Revolver. He stated that after buying it he never liked it and never used it but always carried the pistol in his righthand coat pocket.

HALL denied that he had had any gun other than this 38 S & W, but stated that he had talked about going on a holdup some time before purchasing this gun. He stated that HEADY was after him about his not



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having any money and he told her that if she wanted him to he would go on a holdup and get them plenty of money; that he and BONNIE HEADY talked about what he might successfully holdup and that he cased two Safeway Stores in Kansas City, Missouri, with the thought in mind of pulling the holdup. One of these stores he stated was on Broadway, around Eleventh Street and the other store was somewhere on Broadway, in the 300 block.

He stated that BONNIE discouraged him from pulling the holdup stating that it was not necessary, that she had enough money for both of them to get by on.

HALL continued that on Tuesday morning, September 29, 1953, although he hadn't slept much all night, arose and during the course of the morning BONNIE had either read in the newspapers or heard over the radio the fact that BOBBY GREENLEASE had been kidnapped and that she came to him and wanted to know, "What it was all about." HALL stated that he told her then that he had kidnapped the victim but for her not to worry and to go on back to sleep.

He stated he doesn't know whether she went back to bed but that she made no further protest, and he believes that he went out and completed filling in the hole where victim had been buried. He denied that BONNIE HEADY had assisted him in the filling in of the grave.

He stated that sometime following this he had suggested to BONNIE that they get some flowers and plant them, and she suggested some chrysanthemums. They both got in the Plymouth station wagon and drove to the Mc Ininisch (ph) Floral Shop where they bought a dozen chrysanthemums and returned to the HEADY home. He stated that he denied emphatically that he bought any lime, shovel, or any other material on this trip other than the above-mentioned chrysanthemums. He stated that as near as he can recall this action took place around noon or 1:00 p.m. and that right after they got back they placed the flowers on the grave right away. He stated he dug several small holes about 5" deep, and that BONNIE put the plants therein after which they watered the grave down with the hose. Thereupon, he and BONNIE got their shoes extremely muddy.

He stated that he had forgotten about watering the flowers and that BONNIE had stated they had to put some water on them or they would die before taking root. He denied placing any other flowers at any other place in the yard at this time. He advised that there had been a fern on this spot but that it had not germinated well and had died.

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He stated that following this action they went back into the house where he and BONNIE had a few drinks and that he prepared a second ransom letter using the stationery in the writing desk in BONNIE's home.

Concerning other items of interest HALL denied that he had ever bought any lime at the St. Joseph Lumber Company, St. Joseph, Missouri, but does believe that he had purchased the shovel which was used to dig instant grave at that lumber yard. He also advised that the lime, to the best of his knowledge, is not "Hot Lime" but ordinary lime used in the fertilization of soil.

He also stated that he had been well acquainted with RICHARD "DICK" GARBEY, a salesman at the Swafford Auto Agency, St. Joseph, Missouri, but denied ever mentioning to GARBEY his plans to holdup any establishment or that he mentioned any "big jobs." He stated that at the time GARBEY was getting married, believed to be July, 1953, and GARBEY had mentioned that he was short of funds and HALL stated that he had offered to loan him a small amount of money so that he could get married.

He further stated that he believes he had talked to GARBEY about their opening an automobile agency together but that he denied furnishing any specific sum of money to finance the deal and stated that the transaction never got "beyond the conversation stage."

He denied stealing narcotics in the hospital of the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, stating that while he was an inmate, however, some of the inmates did break into the penitentiary hospital and stole some narcotics. However, they were apprehended and punished for it, but that he definitely was not one of these inmates.

The following interview was conducted by SAC D. S. HOSTETTER and Special Agent [REDACTED] with subject CARL AUSTIN HALL on October 12, 1953. b7(c)

HALL was questioned by the above relative to his trip from Kansas City to St. Louis, Missouri. During the course of this interview and at 9:25 p.m. Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Denver Office came into the chapel where HALL was being interviewed and mentioned to HALL that BONNIE HEADY had said that she had lost her hat and that she had seen HALL kill the victim. After this statement by [REDACTED] HALL became emotionally upset and stated, "It's true, It's true." He then verbally admitted that on the date of the kidnapping, September 28, 1953, after he and HEADY had obtained the victim they drove south of Kansas City on Highway 69 possibly three or four miles until they came to a large farm b7(c)

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with a fence around it. HALL continued that near this farm he turned off on a road and went some distance and then turned down a lane which he remembered as being bound by a windbreaker twenty feet high, and that after going down this lane a short distance he stopped the car and shot the victim through the temple. He continued that BONNIE HEADY walked behind the automobile a short distance and after he shot the victim HEADY returned to the automobile at which time he took victim out of the automobile placing him on the ground and wrapped his remains in a blue plastic cover. He stated that the victim bled considerably and that there was a large pool of blood along the shoulder of the road where he left the remains while he prepared to wrap up the victim in the blue plastic cover. He stated he then placed the victim in the rear of the station wagon, and he and HEADY returned to Kansas City and then to St. Joseph. He further related that previous to the time the victim was kidnaped, he had decided to kill him because he considered the boy evidence, and that he thus decided to destroy the evidence. He additionally related that for this purpose he bought the lime to rapidly decompose the remains in order to avoid detection.

HALL at this time also stated that the individual who he mentioned as being his accomplice, TOM MARSH, was not involved in this case.

Immediately after the above interview and at 10:55 P.M., October 11, 1953, Special Agent [REDACTED] of the St. Louis Office entered the chapel after SAC HOSTETTER had departed and a statement was obtained from HALL by agent CONNORS outlining his and subject HEADY's activities in connection with the kidnaping, the transportation, murder, and other activities. b 7(c)

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"I, Carl Austin Hall, make the following statement to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I make this statement voluntarily without force or threat or promise knowing it may be used against me in court. I have been advised that I am entitled to a lawyer before making any statement. I am 34 years old and reside at 1201 S. 3rd St., St. Joseph, Mo. I have been thinking about a kidnaping for several years. I met Bonnie Heady in May 1953 and have been b 7(c)

living at her residence. I brought the subject up to her and we talked about it several times. I had thought of the Greenlease boy some time ago because I heard of all their money. We began to make definite plans about three weeks before the kidnaping. Bonnie was with me in all the arrangements. At first we planned that we would keep him in the house but then we were afraid that he might recognize us or the house if we let him go. We then planned we had to kill him. We had planned to get him out of school by Bonnie going to the school and saying that the mother was ill and she had come to take him home. I already had the gun and a few days before, I bought a shovel and a bag of lime. I think it was a fifty or seventy five pound bag. I also bought two blue plastic covers, at the Western Auto Store in St. Joe. On the morning of the kidnaping we left St. Joe around 6:00 AM and went down to Kansas City and parked around the school. We then drove around till about 11:00 or 11:30 AM thinking that would be the best time. At around that time I left her off near the taxi stand and told her to go and try to get the boy, and to meet me at Katz Parking lot, 40th and Main St., Kansas City, Mo. In about 10 or 15 minutes she was back with the boy. We had her (Bonnie's) station wagon, a 1951 Plymouth. Bonnie and the boy got into the station wagon and we drove out Highway 169 in a southerly direction, turned off at a large farm with a fence around it and a big lake on the inside. We turned west and drove to a big hedge row, a distance of two miles or so and turned in and stopped. There was a large barn there and an airplane parked behind the barn. Bonnie got out and walked some distance away. I had the gun in my coat pocket. I pulled it out and I shot once trying to hit him in the heart. I don't know whether I hit him or not for he was still alive. First I tried to strangle him but saw it wouldn't work and that I had to shoot him. I shot him through the head on the second shot. I took him out of the car, laid him on the ground and put him in the plastic bag. I remember a lot of blood there. This farm where the killing occurred is about 2 miles south and 2 miles west of the state line and in the state of Kansas. We put the boy in the back of the station wagon and drove back to St. Joe. We drove

directly to the house and into the garage. We had dug the grave the day before and we put him in the grave. I put the whole sack of lime on top of him and we filled the grave. The next day we bought and planted chrysanthemums there. The day the boy was killed, after burying him I drove to Kansas City and mailed the first letter. I drove back to St. Joseph. I realized then I had put the wrong address on the envelope and mailed a second letter. I believe this was the following day. I wanted to see the ad in the paper and the next night went down to Kansas City and put the notes under a mail box at 29th and Holmes, and at 42nd & Charlotte. On purpose we didn't make the pickup and went back to St. Joseph. Bonnie was with me on the trip. The next night we returned but I don't think we put out any notes. On the next night we again drove to Kansas City we put out two notes, 13th and Summit and one underneath a sign "Oakview Inc." in North Kansas City. Meantime I had been calling the Greenlease house and giving instructions as to where to put the money. On this occasion the directions weren't clear and I missed the spot. I went down the lane that I thought it was to be but couldn't find the money. I turned around to go back but passed them on the way. I had forgot to change the license plate on the Ford we rented, and thought they saw it. We stayed in Kansas City that night in a motel. The next day I left her in a motel and made arrangements for the first pickup. I called the Greenlease home and told them to drive out and leave the money. This time the arrangements were clear and about midnight we picked up the money, which was in a duffle bag and I put it in the trunk and headed for St. Louis. After driving about one half hour or hour out of Kansas City I got out and looked to see if all the money was there. The duffle bag was full. Then we drove into St. Louis. We had no definite plans when we came to St. Louis. I recall that in the second letter I had put the medal that was around the boy's neck and threw the ribbon in the waste basket. Bonnie had helped me fill the grave when we buried him. Bonnie was in on all the planning. I do not know what happened to the rest of the money. I never did count it. There was supposed to be \$600,000 in the bag.

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"I have read the seven page statement and after having read it I sign it and each page as being a truthful and voluntary statement.

s/ Carl Austin Hall  
St. Louis, Mo.  
Oct 12, 1953

"Witnesses

" [redacted] Sp. Agt., F.B.I., St. Louis, Mo.  
" [redacted], Spec. Agt., F.B.I. St. Louis  
" [redacted] Spec. Agt., FBI, St. Louis, Mo., 10/12/53"

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On October 12, 1953 subject CARL AUSTIN HALL was interviewed by Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer. HALL advised that with respect to the lime which was sprinkled over victim's body at the time of his burial that he, HALL, stated he purchased this lime at a lumber yard which is just west of the Westport Bank and approximately one and one-half blocks on the other side of the railroad tracks. HALL stated that this was in the Plaza District. b7c

HALL stated that it was his plan originally to strangle BOBBY GREENLEASE, and that he attempted to strangle the child with a small piece of rope similar to that used in clothes lines; however, after placing the rope around the victim's neck and drawing it tight, he could see that the child was suffering, and that apparently the rope was not suitable. He then became upset and told BONNIE HEADY to step out of the car at which time he fired two shots the first one missing and the second one taking effect. HALL advised that he is not certain, but he believes the rope that he intended to use to strangle the victim was left at the crime scene.

HALL was questioned by agent [REDACTED] as to where he purchased the plastic case radio which he had bought for BONNIE HEADY, and HALL advised that he believed this was purchased somewhere in the vicinity of Morganford and Arsenal Streets. It was his belief that it was at some appliance store possibly on the corner of Hartford and Morganford Road. b7c

Recovery of Two Trash Cans, Duffel Bag, and Tray

On October 8, 1953 subject, HALL, accompanied by Special Agents [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] was then taken to south St. Louis and to St. Louis County, Missouri in the vicinity of Highway 66 and the Meramec River in an attempt to locate the duffel bag in which the ransom money had been paid and two trash cans and a shovel which HALL purchased for the purpose of burying part of the ransom money. The two trash cans were located in a river shack named "THELMA" located on Yarnell Road about four tenths of a mile south of Highway 66. The shovel was located on Rudder Road about one tenth of a mile north of Highway 66. These two locations are in St. Louis County, Missouri. Detailed memorandas reflecting the identification of the two trash cans, a chart and photograph prepared by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are being maintained in instant file of the St. Louis Division. b7c

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The duffel bag was located in an alley back of a garage located at the rear of 2200-02 Wyoming Street, St. Louis, Missouri. A tray which had been removed by HALL from one of the trunks in which he had placed some of the ransom money was obtained from a [REDACTED]. He found the tray on his fence adjoining the alley. A memorandum reflecting the recovery of the duffel bag and the tray, a chart and photographs were prepared by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and same is maintained in instant file of the St. Louis Division.

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B. STATEMENTS OF HEADY

1. ORAL STATEMENTS OF BONNIE HEADY

BONNIE HEADY was questioned on October 7, 1953, at the 11th District, St. Louis Police Department, by Chief of Police JEREMIAH O'CONNELL, Lt. LOUIS SHOULDERS and Col. I. A. LONG, President of the Board of Police Commissioners of St. Louis, Missouri, and SAC J. E. THORNTON and SA [REDACTED] sat in on the questioning. b7(c)

BONNIE BROWN HEADY stated she was 40 years of age and stated she resided at 1201 S. 38th Street, St. Joseph, Missouri. She advised she was divorced from her husband, ELLIS HEADY and had only arrived in St. Louis recently. She apparently did not know what day of the week it was but admitted she was the one who had gone to the school to get BOBBY GREENLEASE and indicated that she thought he was the son of CARL HALL, whose former wife would not permit him to see the youngster.

The questioning was conducted under considerable difficulty because of her condition; however, a statement was taken which she declined to sign. This statement is set forth later in this report.

On October 8, 1953, HEADY was interviewed by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. b7(c)

She was advised of her constitutional rights in that she was not required to make any statements to the agents without first consulting an attorney and that any statements she made could be used in Court. Mrs. HEADY advised that she had a lawyer and had consulted with him briefly before the agents arrived. She said she had no hesitation to talk to agents about instant kidnaping, and would not prevaricate on any of the details or facts. She stated, however, that due to her excessive drinking during the period from August 29, 1953, to the time of her apprehension, she might be hazy on dates, hours, and places, but that she would make an honest effort to refresh her recollection.

Concerning the kidnaping, she stated that she now believes that CARL HALL had planned this kidnaping for at least a couple of years. She said that about three weeks before the actual abduction she and he drove by the GREENLEASE home and she now recalls that they had driven by the home on prior occasions. She stated by way of background that she first met HALL in St. Joseph, Missouri, during the latter part of May, 1953; that knowing him for about two days he moved into her home at 1201 S. 38th Street, St. Joseph, Missouri, where they entered into a common law arrangement. She stated that at first CARL HALL did not advise her that he was on parole or had a criminal record; that his income merely kept them furnished with copious supplies of whiskey, but that she actually supported the household in the purchase of groceries, the payment of utilities, and other necessities. She stated that while in this arrangement and prior to the kidnaping he had advised her that he had a former wife. She stated that he never did name this woman, but related that as a result of this alleged union a son was born, that this wife secured a divorce and

that the son was now living in the GREENLEASE home. She stated he had advised her that one of the conditions of the divorce action was that a court order had been executed barring him forever from seeing his son or obtaining custody of him. She stated that she definitely was told by HALL that his son was in the GREENLEASE household and is definitely sure he named the son as "BOBBY". She stated that in driving past the GREENLEASE residence prior to the actual abduction, he stated that his purpose in driving by was to see whether or not BOBBY was in the yard where he might surreptitiously observe him and possibly have a chance to converse with his son. She stated that while HALL never did actually say that he was formerly married to Mrs. GREENLEASE, she, BONNIE HEADY, arrived at the conclusion that Mrs. GREENLEASE was the former wife of HALL, due to the fact that HALL had told her that his former wife was given custody of their son. She stated that pertaining to the actual abduction, she and HALL discussed this in detail on Sunday, which would be September 27, 1953, in her home at St. Joseph, Missouri. She stated that on that occasion they were both sober and that HALL had stated that she was to proceed to the French Institute of Notre Dame de Sion School, pose as Mrs. GREENLEASE's sister, and obtain the child using the ruse that Mrs. GREENLEASE had suddenly been taken ill and that she wanted custody of BOBBY in order to take him to his mother.

During the questioning it was asked of Mrs. HEADY why she did not take her Plymouth station wagon to the school, secure BOBBY, and allow HALL to sit in the car and talk to him there, and she stated that "we both agreed this would not be a good idea". She stated that pursuant to their plans they left St. Joseph, Missouri, around 9:30 A.M. in her Plymouth station wagon and drove to Kansas City, Missouri, for the purpose of getting BOBBY GREENLEASE. She said they had no other cause or reason to visit Kansas City on September 28, 1953. She continued stating that they drove to the Katz Drug Store parking lot, 40th and Main, Kansas City, and parked the station wagon in the parking facility there, that she then proceeded to the Toedman Cab stand located in the immediate vicinity and secured the services of a taxicab and instructed the driver to take her to the French Institute of Notre Dame de Sion, 3828 Locust. She stated that on this particular morning she was definitely sober, had had only two drinks early in the morning which had not affected her in the least and that she was normal in every manner.

Continuing she advised that she arrived at the school around 11:00 A.M., to the best of her recollection, that she rang the bell at the outer door, was admitted by the sister and informed the sister that she was Mrs. GREENLEASE's sister, that she and Mrs. GREENLEASE had been shopping in the plaza area, that Mrs. GREENLEASE had suffered a sudden heart attack and therefore had sent her, BONNIE HEADY, to the school to obtain BOBBY's custody and to bring him to Mrs. GREENLEASE. She stated that in due course of time one of the sisters brought BOBBY GREENLEASE to her, that she left the school, proceeded in the same taxicab to 38th and Main Street to the Katz

Drug Store parking lot where she and BOBBY got out of the cab. She stated that enroute she asked BOBBY the names of his two dogs but denied that she asked him the name of his parrot. She stated, however, that he told her he had a green parrot named POLLY and that the parrot would converse with people. She stated that she knew that the GREENLEASE family had two dogs inasmuch as when she and HALL had driven past the GREENLEASE residence they noticed two dogs playing in the yard. She also stated that BOBBY had told her enroute that the family had two cadillac automobiles. She denied telling the sister at the school that Mrs. GREENLEASE was in the St. Mary's Hospital. She stated, however, that one of the sisters asked her, "Is Mrs. GREENLEASE in St. Mary's Hospital"? She states that she believes she answered the nun in the affirmative. She also advised that enroute from the school to the parking lot she had told BOBBY GREENLEASE that she was going to take him to see his daddy and that they were going to get some icecream.

It should be here stated that BONNIE HEADY admitted that she had been at least technically guilty of violating a court order in obtaining BOBBY GREENLEASE if CARL HALL's story had been true. She stated however, that she did not think it too serious. She did not state that they had had any plans for returning BOBBY to the school but advised that she had merely assumed that HALL would return him to the school after he had had a short interview with his alleged son.

BONNIE HEADY stated that the Toedman Cab in which she and BOBBY were riding drove into the Katz parking lot from Main Street and let them out near the side door, just inside the archway, that she paid the cab driver giving him a \$1 bill and that the fare was about 85¢. She stated that after getting out of the cab she and BOBBY walked down the sidewalk on the side of the building past the popcorn stand looking for CARL HALL, as he was supposed to meet them there in the lot. She stated when she had originally gotten out of her station wagon driven by HALL she had done so before he parked it and therefore, she did not know where he was parked. BONNIE HEADY stated that after getting past the popcorn stand she saw her station wagon parked in the south part of the lot and that she and BOBBY walked over to it and found CARL HALL sitting behind the wheel in the car. She said BOBBY very readily got into the station wagon next to HALL and she got in next to BOBBY so that BOBBY was sitting in the middle in the front seat. She stated that as soon as they got to the station wagon CARL HALL remarked "Hello, BOBBY, how are you?". BOBBY said "Fine", or some such similar remark, and HALL and BOBBY GREENLEASE carried on quite a conversation like they knew each other. She stated that as soon as she and BOBBY got in the station wagon HALL drove off the Katz lot down to the Country Club Area shopping district and let her out near JACK HENRY's and told her he would pick her up in two hours--without stating any definite time. BONNIE HEADY stated that this arrangement for her to shop for about two hours

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on the plaza had been made the day before and it was not discussed further— she merely got out of the station wagon, walked up past Helzberg's Jewelry Store and visited shops all over the plaza. She stated that during her shopping tour she purchased a pair of hose, some earrings and a slip, each of these articles being purchased in a different store, the names of which she could not recall. She stated that after making a complete tour of the plaza, she ended up in a bar where she had four shots of whiskey with water ~~chase~~. Every effort was made to get BONNIE HEADY to identify the bar in which she did her imbibing, and although she had been quite clear on details up to this point, she was very indefinite as to the bar except to say that it was quite dark inside. She could not remember whether or not she had ever been in this bar before and claimed to have no details as to the architectural furnishings or personnel of the bar which she patronized. Considerable time was spent with BONNIE HEADY on this point. She emphatically denied that she ever went to the rest room in the bar although admitted that she had not had an opportunity to visit a rest room since leaving home at St. Joseph, Missouri, at 9:30 A.M. and that she usually took every opportunity afforded her to visit a rest room.

She stated that she met HALL by prearrangement around 1:30 near JACK HENRY's when he came by in the station wagon. She said she got in and asked him what he had done with BOBBY, to which HALL replied he had taken him back to the school. She stated she also observed that HALL had a 25-pound sack of Nutrena dog food in the back of the station wagon and she made some remark about it that she was glad he had gotten the dog food as they were about out. She stated that after getting in the station wagon they immediately drove to North Kansas City where they stopped at Lynn's Bar, which is their regular stopping place—so much so that the proprietors there often remark, "You couldn't drive by here without turning in". She said they had three or four drinks at Lynn's Bar and then started out for St. Joseph, Missouri, where they arrived about 3:30 P.M.

BONNIE HEADY advised upon arriving at St. Joseph she could not even recall getting out of the car but there was a possibility that she had done so, it being pointed out that according to her story she still had not been to the rest room since she left home around 9:30 that morning. She said HALL went in the front door and came out through the basement, at which time he immediately suggested that she go uptown and get his laundry and do some shopping, which she did, taking the station wagon. She stated she got HALL's laundry, picked up some earrings she had repaired, and fooled around town until the stores closed at 5:30 P.M. She stated after the stores closed she drove to Brun's Super Market on the outer belt highway, where she got some groceries, and noticed for the first time that the sack of Nutrena dog food was not in the car. She stated she did not think anything about this but now realizes HALL must have taken it out

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of the station wagon as soon as they got home from Kansas City as it was certainly not in the car when she put her groceries in after buying them at the super market.

She said she arrived back home about 6:30 P.M. and found HALL at home alone, where she had left him about three hours earlier.

BONNIE HEADY emphatically stated that no one other than CARL HALL or herself had been in her home since Monday, September 28, 1953-- that no one other than HALL and herself had slept in any of the beds and in fact no one had been on the premises with the exception of possibly her maid, who was there on the Friday before the kidnaping. She stated the maid generally comes on Monday and Friday but since they were in Kansas City on Monday, the maid did not come and on Friday she called and said she was sick and couldn't come. She stated that so far as she knew the colored maid was the last individual other than HALL and herself who was on the premises as not even a delivery boy had come to the home. She stated, however, that she had prepared a meal one evening for Mr. BARNEY PATTON, attorney of St. Joseph, Missouri, who was both a personal friend and legal council for CARL HALL. She stated she does not recall the exact evening that he was at the home for a steak dinner, but states she is definitely certain that it was prior to the kidnaping. BONNIE HEADY was specifically and definitely interrogated concerning one TOM MARSCH or MARSH, or a JOHN MARSCH or MARSH. She stated emphatically that she had never heard that name prior to the time of their arrest in St. Louis. She stated she never saw any TOM MARSH, never heard of any TOM MARSH, and has no idea where he might fit into instant picture.

It should be here stated that prior to this point in the interview BONNIE HEADY had stated that in the station wagon at the time of BOBBY GREENLEASE's abduction, there was a blue plastic sheet which she had used to cover the back end of the station wagon so that it would not be torn up or soiled by her boxer dog, "Doc", whom she often carried in the car. She stated she had had this plastic cover for a long time as she previously had two other dogs, a total of three, and carried them all over the country to various dog shows and used the plastic cover to protect the station wagon from deformation by her pets. Besides the plastic cover she stated there was also an old quilt lying the back of the station wagon but could not give any reason for it being there other than to say that it had been there a long time. She admitted it had not been cold enough in a number of months to use it as a lap robe or cover and had no logical explanation for its presence in the station wagon.

At this point in the interview Mrs. HEADY informed again that CARL HALL had an apartment in St. Joseph that he paid \$50.00 a month for, and that the reason he had this apartment was that he was on parole and he

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had to have an address of this type as a mailing point for his parole supervision and that he couldn't afford to let a parole officer know he was living with her without the benefit of a formal marriage as this would be a violation of the parole regulations. She also stated at this point that she had had no tradesmen or repairmen into her home other than a plumber who had fixed the toilet on the first floor a number of weeks prior to September 28, 1953. She also advised that on her trip downtown after arriving home she bought no fertilizer, lime or any other material of this sort.

She stated that on Monday evening she prepared the meal, they stayed at home and watched television. She stated that she did not see on the television any news item announcing the abduction or the disappearance of the victim. She stated she recalled that she and CARL HALL had several drinks, in fact she described him as getting "blind drunk" -- that he got drunker that night than he usually did, although she did not imbibe as heavily that night as usual. She stated she recalled they went to bed just as the news flashes were going to be televised. She said they arose the following morning, Tuesday, September 29, around 9:00 or 9:30 A.M. and that either while at the breakfast table or shortly thereafter she picked up the newspaper and saw the news account of the abduction and disappearance of the victim. She stated she immediately asked HALL to tell her what he had done with the victim, claiming that up to this time she had assumed that HALL had returned the victim to the school or had made arrangements to do so. She stated HALL admitted to her then that he had not returned the victim to school, and that while he did not have personal custody of the boy he assured her that he knew where the boy was and that she shouldn't worry about him--that he was all right. When asked at this point why she did not go to the police or the family of the child she stated that she figured then that she would be caught and would be "in it" and that HALL would also be arrested on this charge. She stated that she also did not believe at this time that HALL would be responsible for the death of the child, even though she knew that he had knowledge of his whereabouts.

On Tuesday morning, September 29, 1953, BONNIE HEADY stated she walked out on the back porch just to look around as was her custom, and when she did so she saw a place in the dog pen where the dirt had been disturbed for quite a large area. She immediately asked HALL about it and he said he had worked up a bed in preparation for setting out some flowers. BONNIE HEADY admitted that she noticed this plot of newly worked earth after reading of the kidnaping of BOBBY GREENLEASE in the Kansas City Times and received the evasive answers from HALL as to what had become of the victim. BONNIE HEADY stated that she was satisfied with the explanation of the newly worked earth given her by HALL and they decided to plant some chrysanthemums, and accordingly, both she and HALL drove to McInich's Greenhouse and got a dozen chrysanthemum plants, after which they returned

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home and she and HALL planted them where he had prepared the dirt. BONNIE HEADY stated that she helped HALL plant the chrysanthamums and that although the dirt was not hard, it was firm and they had to work it up. She denied that there were any big clots of dirt which would cause her to believe that the ground had previously been turned up, but did admit that it was not as hard as the rest of the yard. She stated it was necessary for them to water the chrysanthamum plants and in doing so she got her shoes dirty. She said she was wearing a pair of black play shoes and she got mud all over them. She stated that she admitted she had knowledge of the kidnaping at the time these flowers were planted but she did not suspect it was a grave and they planted these flowers about noon.

She said that that afternoon they laid around the house getting drunk and she was constantly worrying about the child--that HALL never said where the victim was located and just kept saying he was well. She admitted that each day she read the newspapers and related that the papers said no contact had been made with the kidnapers nor had any ransom note been received by the victims family. She claims at this time she asked HALL, "Why haven't they made contact?". She denied any knowledge of any ransom note ever being prepared or mailed. Concerning this possibility she stated she had a considerable supply of writing material in her home, paper and envelopes, stating that she had two sizes of envelopes which actually fit the description of envelopes in instant case. She stated she had purchased the large ones from the post office inasmuch as they were already stamped and it would be more convenient for her to prepare them. She claimed HALL used her writing desk and material and she never had any knowledge of the contents of any of his letters. She stated he would inform her that they were personal letters. She advised he never asked her to mail any letters for him, in fact she gave him letters of her own to have him mail for her. She stated there was a possibility that her fingerprints could be located on any of the paper and envelopes in her home because she had handled them in her home, but emphatically stated that she had never assisted in the preparation of any ransom notes whatsoever.

BONNIE HEADY claimed that she and CARL HALL remained at her home in St. Joseph, Missouri, until the afternoon of Wednesday, September 30, on which occasion they drove to Kansas City and had dinner at the Coates House, arriving there about 6:30 P.M. She stated this was their favorite place to eat, that they ate there on numerous occasions and were well known to both the headwaiters and always had the same booth whenever it was available, it being the booth in the northeast corner of the restaurant immediately adjacent to the service door and they used the same waitress on every occasion they patronized this establishment. BONNIE HEADY stated while eating in the Coates House HALL left the booth stating he had to make a telephone call. He might have left more than once as he was always going to the bathroom

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and she did not try to keep track of him. BONNIE HEADY stated that she could not recall where they went after leaving the Coates House and as far as she could remember, they never went any place other than to start back to St. Joseph, but did remember they stopped at Lynn's for a few drinks on both the way in and the way out. She said they got back to St. Joseph about 10:30 or 11:00 P.M.

BONNIE HEADY stated that about a week before the kidnaping occurred she recalled that CARL HALL drove her to the Union Station in Kansas City and left her in the car while he went in. When he came out he had several newspapers and she definitely recalled that he had a Chicago paper and a St. Louis paper under his arm, but could not recall a Tulsa paper or an Oklahoma City paper. She added that he could have had such a paper, however, as he had several in his hand when he came out.

BONNIE HEADY stated that she and HALL remained at home in St. Joseph on Thursday, October 1, 1953, and that she was drunk all of the time and could not recall what their activities consisted of, however, she had knowledge that sometime prior to Friday evening HALL rented a blue Ford sedan from a car rental place in the 200 block on 7th Street in St. Joseph in her name and she could not think of any logical reason for him doing so but gave her consent because she was enamored with him and would do anything he asked her to do; and further, that she was drinking all the time and that her mind was muddled.

HEADY stated that on Friday evening she and HALL left her home in St. Joseph driving the Plymouth station wagon and leaving the rented blue Ford sedan in her driveway. She said they drove to Kansas City stopping at Ruggle's in North Kansas City for fried chicken, having previously stopped at Lynn's for a drink before getting to Ruggle's.

After leaving Ruggle's, which she estimated was about 7:30 P.M., they went to the Muehlbach Hotel to the Rendezvous Room where they remained for at least an hour; then to the Continental Hotel Omar Room; then to the President Hotel Drum Room. HEADY stated that HALL had let her out at the Muehlbach and he went to park the station wagon. She denied knowing where he parked the station wagon and said they walked from the Muehlbach to the Continental Hotel and from the Continental Hotel to the President Hotel. After leaving the President Hotel, HALL had her wait and he went and got the car and came and picked her up. She stated after they left the Drum, she was drunk and unable to walk. She said they had been in each place for at least an hour and had at least three or four drinks in each place.



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HEADY stated that HALL was always leaving her to make phone calls or go to the rest room but she thought nothing of this as this was a regular practice of his. She stated that he probably made phone calls from the Muehlbach, President and Continental Hotels as he was absent from her presence in each place.

HEADY stated that after leaving the President Hotel they went to another bar which she described as being of poorer type than the three previously visited and that that was the last she remembered as she must have passed out in this establishment although she admitted it would have been possible for them to have gone to some other bars as it is her nature to be able to remain upright although completely blacked out. She stated the next thing she remembered after going to one other bar following the Drum Room in the President Hotel was when she awoke at home in bed on Saturday, October 3, and she has no recollection as to how or when she got there.

HEADY stated that on Saturday night she and HALL went to Kansas City taking both the station wagon and the Ford sedan. She stated they left her home about 6:00 P.M. She drove the station wagon and HALL drove the Ford. They stopped at Lynn's Tavern in Northtown for about an hour and then decided to leave the station wagon at Lynn's and use the Ford. She stated, at this point, HALL had a set of keys to her station wagon which he kept in his possession at all times which was a duplicate of her keys. She stated after leaving Lynn's they went over town and she could not recall eating anywhere but made a round of the bars starting at the Ambassador Hotel, then the Bellerive, then the bar in the big apartment house across the street and down from the Bellerive. She stated that she could not even remember leaving this bar but is sure that they did as she recalls helping close up the town which would have been at 12:30 A.M. at some bar which she could not definitely recall. She stated all during the evening HALL would as was his practice leave her either for the restroom or to telephone.

She stated at the closing of the town they left and went back over to Lynn's Place which at that time was closed and she opined that it must have been after 1:30 A.M., as 1:30 A.M. was the closing time at Lynn's. She stated the station wagon was still there in at least approximately the same place she had parked it. HALL told her she was too drunk to drive and so was he and they should check in at a motel until they sobered up. She stated that she was passed out but does remember being assisted into a motel and woke up the next day, Sunday, between 3:00 and 4:00 P.M., and found they were in a motel at the northeast corner of the intersection of U. S. Highway 71 and 69 in north Kansas City. She stated they had the dark blue Ford sedan with them at that time and HALL told her he had left the station wagon in a Sinclair filling station. She emphatically denied that she had seen the station wagon since leaving it the night before at Lynn's.

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BONNIE HEADY stated that after coming to on Sunday afternoon she and HALL started nipping again on a bottle they had in reserve and did not leave the cabin until after dark. HALL had already suggested that they drive to St. Louis for the weekend and she agreed to do so, and then she called ROBERT CASTLE, who is connected with Kelflick's Kennels, St. Joseph, Missouri, from some place where they ate in Kansas City on Sunday night. She said she told CASTLE to go back and get her Boxer dog and take him to the kennels as they were going to be away for several days. HEADY stated she could not remember where they ate or where they went after leaving the tourist court but undoubtedly they went some place to eat because she remembers making the long-distance telephone call to CASTLE and it was from some eating place but she could not remember eating or any of the details after leaving the tourist court.

As far as she could remember, shortly after making the phone call they started for St. Louis in the blue Ford and HALL was driving. She said she was pretty well inebriated but did wake up one occasion when the car was stopped and she remembers hearing the trunk slam followed immediately by HALL getting in the car. She stated she did not ask him what he was doing but assumed he had probably pulled off the road to relieve himself and found the trunk door open and closed it. She stated the next thing she remembers they were in St. Louis. She stated, however, she did recall that they went out Highway 40 to St. Louis and it was entirely possible that he could have stopped for a moment or two and she would not have known it as she was in a drunken stupor and was sleeping all the way.

She stated upon their arrival in St. Louis she awakened and recalls the first place they went to was a bar and she estimated this to be around 6:00 A.M. as the bar just opened. Strenuous efforts were made to effect the location of this bar but she could not recall any details of the location of same, structure, or other identifying data or any personnel therein. She stated she did recall that it was sort of a tumble-down place, was not pretentious in any manner and there might have been two or three men in the place when they walked in although she explained the bar was just opening when they walked in. She stated that she ordered herself a drink and that HALL left her here although he did not tell her his reason for leaving and she estimates he was gone for about one hour. She said at least it was long enough for her to get drunk. She said upon his return he was driving a used automobile red in color and she believes it to be a Nash automobile. She said she then admonished him saying, "Now we got two cars here" and he informed her he had left the Ford on a parking lot. He told her he had wanted and needed a car of his own so he bought one.

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She stated that at this time she suggested they check into the Chase Hotel in St. Louis and HALL objected to this saying she was too drunk to walk through the lobby of a hotel so they cruised around and finally located an apartment house. She stated that HALL made all of the arrangements concerning the rental and that he informed her that they would stay here for a couple of days. She stated that this time was the first time she had actually seen the luggage HALL had purchased although he informed her at the time he left her at the bar upon arrival in St. Louis that he did purchase some luggage due to the fact that it would look extremely strange for them to check into a hotel or motel without luggage.

She stated that they entered the apartment house and that HALL immediately flopped himself onto the bed and went into a heavy sleep and that she had a bottle of liquor and had herself a few drinks and became interested in the two grips he had purchased. She described these as metal grips about the size of foot lockers. One was green in color and one was black. She said she decided to look on the inside to see what the inside of the luggage looked like and opened it and saw that it contained a large amount of money. She stated she endeavored to awaken HALL to secure an explanation of this money but that he refused to do so merely replying to her efforts with grunts and groans. She stated she then flopped over on the bed and went into a sound sleep and did not wake up until the afternoon. She advised that when she woke up both HALL and the grips were gone but she noticed a note on the dresser and she quoted from memory, "I had to leave. I'll be right back". She stated that later on that same afternoon she got another note with an apartment key in it. She stated she stayed in this apartment and did not see HALL at all; and the next day having been out of whiskey she was in somewhat of a semi-sober condition and decided to go get some more booze. She called a taxicab and told him to take her to a liquor store. When she opened her purse to pay the cab driver the fare she found \$2,000 in \$20 bills in the bottom of her purse. She stated that she now realizes that HALL must have put the \$2,000 ransom money in her purse while she was sleeping and at the time he left the apartment. She stated she obtained some liquor and milk and went back to the apartment and started drinking and shortly thereafter she was arrested by officers of the St. Louis Police Department.

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HEADY was reinterviewed on October 10 and 11, 1953, and she in substance related the same set of facts with but slight variations until her admission of guilt on October 11, 1953. This interview was conducted by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] b7(c)

HEADY seemed to be well composed at the start of the interview; however, after thirty minutes of thorough and meticulous questioning she admitted that she had lied about getting out of the station wagon on the Country Club Plaza on the day of the kidnapping after she got BOBBY GREENLEASE out of the French Institute of Notre Dame de Sion. She also admitted at this time that she knew when she got him out of the French Institute that he was not CARL HALL's son and that there was no question in her mind of the reason for decoying him out of the school as she and CARL HALL had been making careful plans for over two weeks to kidnap BOBBY. She stated that CARL HALL had been talking about pulling a big kidnapping for over two months and told her he had thought of nothing else while he was in the Missouri State Penitentiary and thought he had some very good ideas which he could use and avoid detection.

BONNIE HEADY stated that they picked the GREENLEASE boy because CARL said that he knew PAUL GREENLEASE in school and knew that it was a wealthy family. She stated that they drove to Kansas City on numerous occasions, looked at the GREENLEASE home, both from the front and rear and tried to decide the best way of getting their hands on the boy.

BONNIE HEADY stated that they had first considered the possibility of keeping the boy in her home and releasing him alive, but the more they talked about doing this the more loopholes they found in this plan and decided at least two weeks before the kidnapping that they would have to kill the boy in order to avoid detection, feeling that he would be able to identify both of them and the hide-out should they release him alive.

BONNIE HEADY stated that CARL HALL had followed Mr. GREENLEASE to the school where he delivered the boy on several occasions, but she could not recall ever being along when they did this. She stated that she did go with CARL HALL to the school and was familiar with the location, but denied being in the school prior to the day of the kidnapping.

BONNIE HEADY stated there was absolutely no reason to kill BOBBY GREENLEASE as he never gave them any trouble or resisted them in any way. He seemed to be a happy bright little boy who just thought he was going for a ride and raised no objection whatsoever to doing so.

BONNIE HEADY stated that she and CARL first thought about putting the body in the river after they killed BOBBY GREENLEASE, but decided that this would not work as if there was a delay in the payment of the ransom money the body might come to the surface and would spoil their chances of

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getting the ransom. She stated that they then decided they would have to bury the body and tried to pick out a good spot to do so. She stated that they found a place in a wooded area over on the Kansas side of the state line not too far from the GREENLEASE residence and considered this place as they thought possibly they could snatch the child from his home rather than the school. She stated that they thought this would be an ideal place, but after they made their final plans and went back to see about digging a hole to put the body in ahead of time they found that bulldozers had moved in and were knocking down trees, apparently preparing for a subdivision. They then decided the only place they could bury the body with any degree of certainty was in her backyard.

BONNIE HEADY stated that the only hitch in their plans as originally made was the fact that they had intended to strangle the boy rather than shoot him as they were afraid a shot would be heard. She stated that HALL had a piece of rope or heavy twine with which to strangle the boy, but after he got out in the country where he intended to commit this act he found that the twine was not long enough to get his hand in and twist it, and therefore he had to shoot the boy rather than strangle him.

BONNIE HEADY stated that she did not see this attempted strangulation as she had left the car and walked up the road with her dog but CARL HALL stated that was the reason he had to shoot the boy. She stated that when she got back to the car the boy was not dead yet and was still moaning, and there was blood all over the station wagon. She stated she was startled as she had never seen a person die before and that it was not at all like movies and television shows. She said when a person was shot they just died and there was no mess or blood, but that was not the way it was in this instance.

BONNIE HEADY stated that CARL HALL had had a pistol ever since shortly after she met him. She stated that about the 4th of July and probably July 3, 1953, she went with CARL HALL over to Kansas City, Kansas, where he purchased a .32 caliber Smith and Wesson blue steel revolver from a hardware store on north side of Mimesota Avenue, just east of 18th Street. CARL HALL confirmed this information and stated that as he recalled he used his right name in purchasing this gun and gave address as Iola, Kansas. He stated this gun was stolen out of the glove compartment of BONNIE HEADY's station wagon while parked on parking lot south of the Ambassador Hotel early part of September. HALL stated he did not report this theft to the police department.


BONNIE HEADY stated that when she took her dog and walked up the hedge row waiting for CARL HALL to murder BOBBY GREENLEASE in some manner she lost her hat. She described this hat as a small brown felt hat with a New York makers tag in it. She stated that this hat was purchased by her

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at a small hat shop around the corner from the Taft Hotel in New York City about two years ago. She stated she did not know just how she lost her hat but remembers it dropped to the ground while she was holding on to her dog after shots were fired; that it was real close to the hedge row and she did not think to pick it up and it would probably still be in that lane. During the preparation of statement she, for the first time, admitted that she wrote all of the ransom letters and instructions prepared in connection with the payoff. She stated that she did this at the direction of CARL HALL and helped him in planning wording of these notes. HEADY was very much interested to know if the FBI handwriting experts had been able to identify her handwriting, stating she had made every attempt to disguise handprinting and handwriting and wanted to know if FBI had been successful in identifying it.

BONNIE HEADY stated that shortly after CARL HALL stopped and picked up the ransom money about midnight, Sunday night, October 4, they had driven not more than two or three miles when he again stopped the car, changed the license plates on the rented Ford and took his flashlight and told her he had looked in the duffel bag and "it was really full of money", and that "they had it", and had been successful in their elaborate plans which they had worked out together.

BONNIE HEADY stated that she cannot recall much about the trip from Kansas City to St. Louis. In fact, she does not remember CARL HALL stopping to make phone call to GREENLEASE after picking up ransom package. She stated first she remembers they arrived in St. Louis with HALL having done all driving, just when the bars were opening which would be 6:00 a.m., morning of October 5, Monday. She stated they stopped had a few drinks and shortly after CARL HALL showed up with two suitcases, one considerably larger than the other. They then took the suitcases and went in rented Ford up into an alley where they opened the trunk and she for the first time saw the duffel bag which CARL had picked up the night before. She stated that the duffel bag was tied with hard knot and that both she and CARL tried to untie it unsuccessfully. She finally told him "for Christ sake get out your knife and cut it". She stated that HALL did take out his knife and cut the rope and that the duffel bag was crammed full of money, with more money than she or CARL had ever seen before in their lives. She stated that they filled the two suitcases with the money and that both suitcases were full. She stated that the larger of the suitcases, which she described as a foot locker type, was so full that they could not get the lid closed with the tray on top the money, and therefore threw the tray away in order to be able to close the locker. She stated that there was no question but what all of the money was in the duffel bag when they got to St. Louis and that all of this money was put into the two suitcases as described.

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BONNIE HEADY stated that the only other time she saw this money in the bags was in the apartment at 4504 Arsenal Street and at that time she merely looked in the larger of the two suitcases and that it was just as they had filled it earlier in the day in the alley previously described.

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During the course of interviews, SA [redacted] maintained contact with [redacted], who was the cellmate of subject HEADY.

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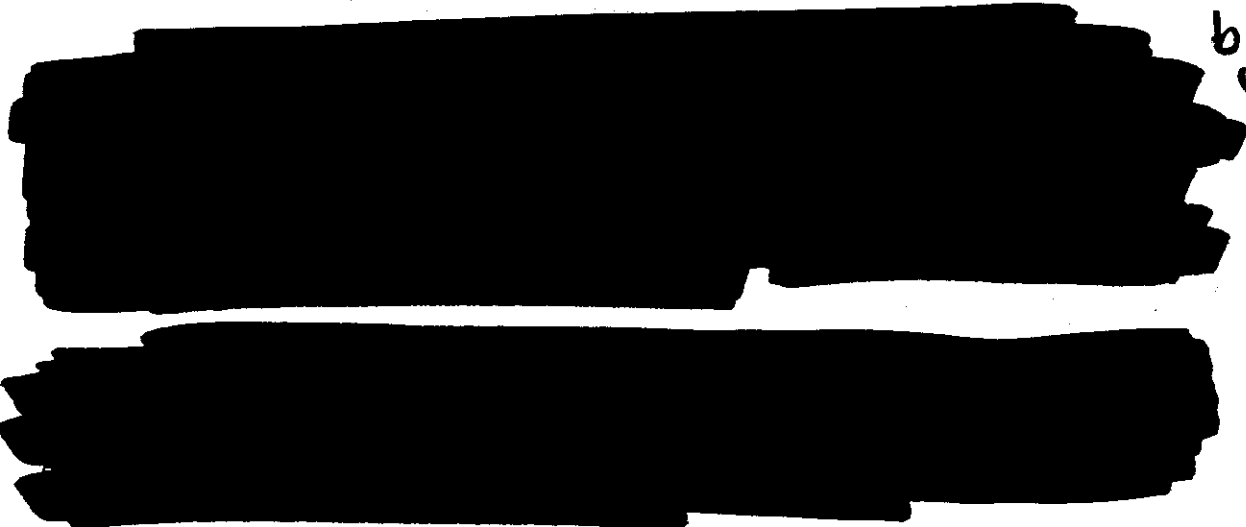
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Handwriting and handprinting specimens were taken on subject HEADY and forwarded to the Laboratory.

2. SIGNED STATEMENT OF BONNIE HEADY

The following is the signed statement of subject BONNIE HEADY:

"St. Louis, Mo.  
October 11, 1953

"I, Bonnie Heady, make the following voluntary signed statement to [redacted] and [redacted] Special Agents, FBI, U. S. Dep't. of Justice. No threats or promises of any kind have been made to me and I know I do not have to make any statement unless I so desire. I have been advised of my right to employ a lawyer. b7 (c)

"On Sunday September 27, 1953, Carl Hall, with whom I have been living at my home 1201 South 38th Street, St. Joseph, Missouri, dug a hole in my back yard. This hole was about 4 feet deep, between 4 and 5 feet long and about 3 feet wide. It took Carl all afternoon to dig this hole. I didn't help him dig it but knew at the time he was digging it in furtherance of his plan to kidnap Bobby Greenlease and intended to kill him and dispose of his body by burying him in this hole.

"On Monday September 28, 1953 Carl and I drove to Kansas City in my Plymouth station wagon and according to our previously worked out plan I took a Toedman cab to the French Institute of Notre Dame de Sion. I had the cab wait while I went in to get Bobby Greenlease. I told the sisters that I was Bobby Greenlease's aunt and that his mother had had a heart attack while we were shopping on the Plaza. The sister went and got Bobby Greenlease for me and I took him out and we got in the cab which I had waiting for me. I had the cab drive me to Katy's parking lot at 40th & Main where Carl was waiting for me in my station wagon.

"Bobby and I got in with Bobby in the middle of the front seat and Carl drove us out in the country. I didn't know where we went but we started out Westport Road and went quite a ways out in the country and onto a natural colored gravel road. We drove off this road into a wheat field with the stubble standing. There was a big thick hedge along side this lane and we drove in quite a ways and parked. I knew Carl was going to shoot the boy although he hadn't given us any trouble. I got out and walked off the hedge row for quite a ways until I heard two shots fired fairly close together. I had my dog "Doc" with me and as soon as I heard the two shots I turned around and went back to the car.

"Before I left the station wagon Carl had let the tail gate down and spread out the blue plastic sheet. When I got back Carl had the boy wrapped in the plastic sheet in the back of the station wagon and covered him with an old comfort.

"I got in the front seat with Carl and put "Doc" in the second seat. We drove back into town and got onto the southwest traffic way going north into the downtown area. We went across the airport bridge I think but if we didn't we went across the A.S.B. bridge onto #71 highway. We drove to Lynn's tavern in north Kansas City where we stopped for a couple of drinks leaving the dog and Bobby's body in the station wagon. After having a couple of drinks we drove home to St. Joseph. Carl drove into the basement and unloaded the body onto the basement floor.

"I went around and went thru the front door and opened the kitchen door leading to the basement. Carl carried the body upstairs wrapped in the sheet and put it in the hole he had dug the day before. He put lime on the body but I didn't see him do it. Carl started to fill in the hole but only put enough dirt in to cover the body. Carl said he had to drive back to Kansas City and mail the ransom letter I had prepared on Sunday at Carl's direction; that is I wrote it while he dictated.

"After Carl had washed the blood out of the station wagon he drove to Kansas City to mail the first letter. I stayed home and finished filling in the hole in the back yard up to about 6 inches of the top. The next day Carl finished filling in the hole and we went out to McInnish's green house and bought some flowers which we planted over the grave.

"I wrote all the ransom notes and pay off instructions as directed by Carl and went with him to put out all the pay off instructions on the night we arranged for the pay off at the church at 40th and Harrison. I don't remember any of the details of the second pay off attempt in north Kansas City as I was drinking pretty heavy.

"About mid-night Sunday night October 4, 1953 we picked up a duffle bag on a country road east of Kansas City and after driving for quite a ways Carl stopped and took a flashlight and looked in the duffle bag and changed the license plates. Carl told me it looked like the money was all there and we started out and drove

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to St. Louis arriving early in the morning. I read this statement on six pages and it is true.

"/s/ Bonnie E. Heady.

"Witnesses:

/s/ [REDACTED] Special Agent, FBI  
/s/ [REDACTED] Special Agent, FBI"

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The following unsigned statement was obtained from HEADY at the time of her initial interview on October 7, 1953. Although HEADY refused to sign it, she admitted that it was true.

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Mr. THORNTON: Mrs. HEADY, you know you have been talking to Chief of Police JEREMIAH O'CONNELL, Colonel I. A. LONG, Lt. SHOULDERS, and Mr. J. E. THORNTON of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and no threats or promises are being made to you. You know that you will undoubtedly be brought into court and anything you tell us is free and true.

Mrs. HEADY: Yes, I'm trying to help you as much as I can. I'm just so hazy on some things that I can't remember. If you had been drunk as long as I had, it does something to your brain. I just travel around in a haze most of the time.

Questions by Colonel JEREMIAH O'CONNELL

Answers by BONNIE BROWN HEADY

Q. What is your name?

A. BONNIE BROWN HEADY

Q. How old are you?

A. 40

Q. Are you married or single?

A. I'm divorced.

Q. What is your address?

A. 1201 South 38th St., St. Joseph, Missouri

Q. Do you have a residence in the City of St. Louis?

A. Well, I just have that apartment for two days.

Q. Do you know the address of that apartment?

A. Well, I'm not sure, it's 40 something, what's that street, it starts with an A.

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Q. Arsenal?

A. Arsenal, that's it.

Q. When did you rent that apartment?

A. I guess it must have been Monday morning.

Q. Was anyone with you when you rented it?

A. He rented it. I just stumbled along.

Q. When you say he, please name who you mean.

A. I mean CARL HALL.

Q. Who is CARL HALL?

A. Well, my boy friend.

Q. And, how long do you know CARL HALL?

A. Since about the end of May.

Q. And where did you meet him?

A. In a bar.

Q. Where?

A. In St. Joe.

Q. You were arrested about 12:30 a.m., the morning of October 7th, suspected of being implicated in the kidnapping of ROBERT GREENLEASE who was kidnapped in Kansas City on or about September 28?

A. I can't tell you what date it was. I think it was a Monday.

Q. Will you tell us in your own words just exactly what you know about that?

A. How do you want me to start?

Q. Just start out in your own words and tell us just exactly what you know.

A. Well, he had --

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Q. Please name --

A. Well, CARL had talked about his boy off and on--CARL HALL had talked about his boy since I first knew him. Off and on he'd mention it. And he told me about his first wife. He told a lot of things about her, how they got along and how mean she treated him and everything and I felt sorry for him because I thought he had had a bad deal all the way 'round.

Q. What was her name?

A. He didn't tell me.

Q. Now where did he first tell you about this boy?

A. I don't know.

Q. Think.

A. At St. Joseph. All the time we were together he just mentioned it once, he liked to see his boy and when we went to Kansas City, he'd drive by the house.

Q. The Greenlease home?

A. He drove by there several times. He said he hoped to catch the boy out so he could see him.

Q. Where is the Greenlease home located?

A. I think it's Baronna Road, I believe it is. It's out in an exclusive residential section.

Q. How many times did you pass the home?

A. Several times.

Q. Over what period of time?

A. Just over the last two weeks.

Q. Was that after he had talked about this boy in St. Joseph that you passed this home?

A. Yes, he talked about him ever since I knew him. So he said -- CARL HALL said that he guessed they wouldn't leave the boy play out in the yard because they thought he might want to see him - so would I go



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pick him up at the school and he could spend a few hours with him. He said they wouldn't let him have him at the school because she has probably warned him about her ex-husband. And he was very nice to him when we got him in the car.

- Q. He asked you if you would go and get this boy?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And then what did you do?
- A. I went and got him, just walked in and got him.
- Q. Tell us just exactly what you did there, how you went into the school, who saw you and what you did.
- A. Well he stayed in the parking lot at Katz' and told me to catch a cab and so I did. I went to the school and there was a Sister sitting there at the desk. I just told her I'd come to pick up BOBBY GREENLEASE, that this mother had taken ill and wanted me to bring him to her. So she went and got him immediately.
- Q. Did the Sister turn the boy over to you?
- A. That's right.
- Q. Did she ask you any questions?
- A. No, none at all. She did say that she was very sorry about Mrs. GREENLEASE being ill and we both better say a little prayer. We did and that is while the other Sister was getting the boy. We walked right back out and the boy was there waiting and he came right up to me and took a hold of my hand.
- Q. And then what happened?
- A. I took him to the cab and we drove to Katz' parking lot and CARL HALL was sitting there in my station wagon at the parking lot. Then we drove directly to the Plaza and I was there about 2 hours and he picked me back up and the boy wasn't with him and I asked where the boy was and he said he took him back to the school. Then we drove straight home to St. Joe.
- Q. Did you recall what day it was?

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A. No. I don't know what day it is half of the time.

Q. After you arrived back home, that is to St. Joseph, Missouri, what happened there?

A. He sent me directly out of the house - downtown - to buy him some things and get his laundry and to go to the grocery store and that took me quite a little while.

Q. And then what happened?

A. I just came home and we ate supper and watched television like we always do.

Q. Anything happen the next day - unusual?

A. Well the next morning after breakfast, I was reading the paper and so --

Q. Recall what paper that was?

A. Well, we get two, The Kansas City Starr and the St. Joe News and Press, both.

Q. Was there anything in that newspaper that you were interested in or attracted your attention?

A. It told about the kidnaping and I was dumbfounded.

Q. The kidnaping of who?

A. BOBBY GREENLEASE, then I asked him questions.

Q. What questions did you ask him?

A. I asked him what he did with the boy and where he was and everything and that is when he got mad and wouldn't say anything and told me to mind my own business.

MR. THORNTON: Did he hit you then?

A. Yes. ;

MR. THORNTON: That was on a Tuesday?

A. Yes.

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Mr. THORNTON: The day following the kidnapping?

A. Yes. I been running around looking like this ever since.

CHIEF O'CONNELL: Was he home all day Tuesday? That would be September 29?

A. I can't remember whether he was or not.

Q. Did you remain home all day Tuesday?

A. I did.

Q. You did?

A. Yes, he was with me practically all the time.

Q. Did you remember if he was home on Tuesday, all day?

A. Well he was home most of the day. He might have run an errand some place.

Q. Did you have any discussion about this on this particular day?

A. The only discussion was when he hit me, that was on Tuesday.

Q. Did you have any discussion on Wednesday?

A. Very little, 'cause I told you he would not talk about it. I would mention it and whenever I did he acted like he was going to beat up on me again.

Q. Did you see any other article in the paper?

A. Yes, every time I'd read the paper. I'd just ask him what he knew about it.

Q. What would he say?

A. He'd just say I don't know a thing and mind your own business, I'll take care of things.

Q. Did you have any discussion on Thursday?

A. I don't think so.

Q. Did you get the newspaper on Thursday.

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- A. I got so I just didn't mention it any more. Yes, I read all the items in the paper every day.
- Q. And Friday the same way?
- A. Yes, 'cause I was interested and thought maybe the boy would be brought back. I wanted to know it, I was so anxious to see.
- Q. And Saturday?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did you or CARL HALL leave St. Joseph between Tuesday and Saturday?
- A. Yes, we were down to Kansas City several days.
- Q. Over what period of time?
- A. From the kidnapping 'til Saturday.
- Q. From the day of the kidnapping until Saturday?
- A. Yes, I think three times.
- Q. Do you recall what days?
- A. I think Saturday was one day.
- Q. And what other days did you go into Kansas City if you recall?
- A. Well, I can't recall, but there was 3 days we went in, but there wasn't anything unusual 'cause we'd been going down there about twice a week all summer; going to shows and fool around.
- Q. What was the name of some of the places you used to go.
- A. We most always went to Coat's House, and one night at Eddie's Restaurant, and then we'd go to the Muhlbach Hotel and have drinks and when it was so hot this summer we'd go down there and stay over the weekend in the air conditioned hotel.
- Q. Did you ever go to the LaSalle Hotel?
- A. No, we went to the Ambassador Hotel.

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Q. Was you ever in the LaSalle?

A. I don't know.

Q. Well, on Sunday?

A. He wouldn't go. I think there's an eating place in the LaSalle called the Branding Iron and I suggested going out there to eat one night. He said he didn't want to because he owed the man who run it some money.

Q. Now, on Sunday, did you go into town?

A. Yes. Sunday evening.

Q. Did you go together?

A. I drove the Plymouth and he drove the Ford. It's a Plymouth Station Wagon.

Q. That is your car?

A. Yes.

Q. What other kind of automobile did you have?

A. I had a rented blue Ford.

Q. Where did you rent this?

A. There in St. Joe.

Q. Did you know the name of the company.

A. No, I can't think of it. You won't have any trouble finding out - some place on 7th Street.

Q. When did you rent this blue Ford?

A. Can't tell what day either.

Q. Before Kidnapping?

A. Yes, before kidnapping.

Q. Are you sure about that now?